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## 'Sequestration means securing ballots until appeal is resolved'

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REPORTER

The proposed sequestration of ballots means that once the Commonwealth

Election Commission completes the tabulation of all ballots, except the portion for the Article 12 initiative, CEC will then secure the ballots and put them in a secure area pending the

disposition of their appeal, according to CEC executive director Robert A. Guerrero.

Guerrero explained yesterday that what CEC and Gov. Eloy S. Inos are

asking in their motion for sequestration of ballots is for the U.S. District Court for the NMI to allow them or dictate the commission not to tabulate House Legislative Initiative 18-1, the pro-

posed amendment to Article 12.

Guerrero said once the tabulation for all the races are done, they are going to secure the ballots until such time that

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## Only 4 senator bets attend forum

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Much to the chagrin of the audience, only four of the 10 Saipan candidates for the Senate in the upcoming Nov. 4 elections showed up for the Saipan Chamber of Commerce-sponsored forum Wednesday night at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

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#### 'Where are the other candidates?'

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**  
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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce's senatorial candidate forum on Wednesday night diverted the attention of the audience into asking the question: "Where are the other candidates?"

Only four of the 10 candidates running for Saipan senator showed up, prompting many in the audience to say it would have been better if all candidates showed up to talk about what they would do for the Commonwealth.

The candidates that did show up were

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The 2014 Saipan Chamber of Commerce Senate forum held on Oct. 15 at the Multi-Purpose Center invited people to hear the views of candidates on what they will do for the community. From left to right: Oscar Babauta, Arnold Palacios, Steve Woodruff, and Sixto Igisomar.

JAYSON CAMACHO

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## DOC blamed for convict's failure to file his appeal

A man who was slapped in September 2013 with a five-year prison term for possession of less than two grams of methamphetamine or "ice" now claims that he failed to file an appeal because Department of Corrections personnel refused his requests to use a telephone to talk to his lawyer.

Xu Guang Li, through assistant public defender Matthew Meyer, asked the Superior Court to immediately release him from DOC or be allowed to file an appeal.

In his petition for habeas corpus filed in court on Wednesday, Li named DOC Commissioner Ramon Mafnas as defendant.

In the petition, Meyer claimed that Li has been unlawfully imprisoned or restrained since Oct. 18, 2014, in DOC.

Li, 36, was convicted on the charge of illegal possession of a controlled substance during a bench trial on Sept. 5, 2013.

On Sept. 17, 2013, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced Li to five years in prison without the possibility of parole.

In the petition, Meyer disclosed that Li jumped from a second floor balcony at DOC, fracturing his spinal vertebrae and must now be transported by wheelchair.

Meyer said Li, under a 24-hour guard, spent time at the Commonwealth Health Center from Sept. 22, 2013, to Oct. 24, 2013.

Although he repeatedly requested permission to use the telephone to communicate with his attorney and ask his attorney to file an appeal on his behalf, DOC personnel refused his requests," Meyer said.

He said Li's right to appeal was illegally denied because, being in the hospital for five days after his sentence was handed down, he was thereafter disallowed use of telephone by DOC until after his right to appeal had elapsed.

He said Li is entitled to file an appeal now even though it's over a year after his sentencing.

"Petitioner is being held in custody without lawful authority," Meyer said. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

**» Prisoner hospitalized after he jumped from DOC balcony**

## OIA-suggested upgrades for schools still awaits funding

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REPORTER

The Public School System is eager to begin chipping away at its \$11-million deferred maintenance, \$1 million of which has been characterized as "urgent health and safety" deferred maintenance; however, a source of funding still need to be squared away.

According to an Oct. 2 letter, PSS and the Board of Education have asked Gov. Eloy S. Inos to meet and discuss the funding status of phase 1 of an Office of

Insular Affairs-backed initiative to address deferred maintenance in public schools.

In a 2013 report, OIA flagged PSS 57 times for "hazardous" conditions under electrical deferred maintenance.

OIA has advised insular governors to set aside \$1 million every year for five years from its annual federal Capital Improvement Project funds to address issues raised in the report.

As of yesterday, the letter has yet to be acknowledged, according to board chair Her-

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# Bar evaluation results on 2 judges, justice out next week

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This Monday is the deadline for members of the CNMI Bar

Association to submit their respective evaluations of the performances of CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice John A. Manglona, Presiding Judge

Robert C. Naraja, and Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo, who are all seeking retention on the bench this Nov. 4 election. Bar Association administra-

tive director Suzanne Steffy said yesterday she will be sending emails today, Friday, to remind the 187 active Bar members that Monday, Oct. 20, is the last day of submission of the evaluation forms.

Steffy began sending the forms to active Bar members last Sept. 24. Of the 187 active members, 121 are in the CNMI. Including inactive members, the Association has 310 members.

Steffy said she, former Bar president Sean Frink, and Bar Association secretary Jeanne H. Rayphand will tabulate the evaluation forms on Wednesday, Oct. 22.

She said they assured members that the counting will be kept "very confidential."

The Bar will announce the

results at their general membership meeting at Hyatt Regency Saipan the following day, Thursday, Oct. 23.

During the 2007 Bar evaluation, Justice Manglona and his wife, then-Superior Court associate judge and now U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona were the first to obtain an impressive "good" rating among the magistrates who were evaluated by the Bar Association.

"Good" means the magistrates often exceed minimum standards of performance.

Both Naraja and Govendo got the upper end of "acceptable" rating during that same evaluation.

In the November 2007 elec-

tion, voters overwhelmingly voted for the retention of the Manglonas, Naraja, and Govendo. With their retention, Justice Manglona's term that expired in 2008 was extended eight more years, while Naraja and Govendo, whose terms as judges expired in 2009, got an additional six years.

Justice Manglona, Naraja, and Govendo are seeking a third term as associate justice, presiding judge, and associate judge, respectively.

## FOR ITS INCENTIVE RATE PROGRAM

## CUC sees 2 possible large customers

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**  
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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has identified two large commercial customers that may potentially avail of its incentive rate program.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher said these two large commercial customers are close to signing up and getting back into the CUC grid.

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission approved the incentive rate program on Sept. 26. Also known as the experimental tariff rider incentive rate, it is intended to lure large commercial customers to hook up to the CUC grid.

Fletcher said that CUC hopes to have the contract with these two customers done by this week or next week. He declined for now to name these potential customers.

Fletcher underscored the importance of bringing back all disconnected loads to CUC's power grid, saying this will eventually lower the power cost for customers.

"Extra sales would have more revenue generation and would be much more beneficial, with the companies contributing to the community by hooking up to our grid," he said.

In an earlier interview, Gov. Eloy S. Inos said he sees a possible increase in CUC's revenue

if large commercial customers return to CUC's grid.

"That is the whole idea because we are trying to get them [back to the grid]. There is so much reserve that is available at CUC and we need to go out and sell the energy and generate income back into CUC so we can take care of its many needs," Inos had said.

The incentive rate is available to large commercial customers locating, expanding, or returning their entire load to CUC's grid and must remain as full CUC customers for a four-year term.

The contract is also open to new participants for a window of four months since the tariff's approval in September.

Commercial customers are qualified for the new rate if they have a generation capacity of 400kW or greater and generating 90 percent or more of their annual electric needs; commercial customers that expand their existing facility that results in an increase in load of 200kW or greater or expand their hotel by 75 rooms or greater; or new commercial customers with electric generation capacity of 400kW or greater.

The four-year incentive rate will provide a reduction of 8.3 cents per kWh from CUC's commercial electric base rate from the date the customer

starts purchasing electricity.

The contract's terms of agreement points out that it has to remain hooked to CUC for four years. One proviso added to the terms of agreement—in response to the comment from DFS—is that if CUC is unable to supply the entire load of the island's applicants, applicants will have the right to terminate the contract.

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## ‘HLI 18-12 leads to a better teaching, learning experience’

A vote for the House Legislative Initiative 18-12 that proposes a guaranteed quarter of every Commonwealth dollar for public education will lead to an improved teaching and learning experience in all public schools.

Public school teachers in the Northern Marianas are one in saying that they could only do so much in handling their classes; however, they would be able to get their students fully engaged in the learning process if the teacher-student ratio is reduced.

For newly hired PSS teacher

Darcy Lee, who teaches special education at William S. Reyes Elementary School, the initiative is important because it offers teachers an opportunity to be more effective in cultivating a student’s full potential.

Originally from South Florida, Lee, who came to Saipan only in August, said, “Coming from the mainland, in comparison with the CNMI, CNMI is just way behind in class sizes and modernization of the classrooms.”

She felt that students are shortchanged as they miss out on resources that could be made

available to them that would help them with their academics, help them excel, and get them into colleges.

“Without having that money there to give them the technology, and the modern buildings, and equipment they need, they have to overcome the obstacles just to be on par with other kids that are competing with the same scholarships in the same schools,” she said.

She was surprised that class sizes here are big.

For her, this puts the students at a losing end, failing to be

fully engaged in the classes and preventing them from realizing their full potential.

“We would like for our students to get the individual attention they deserve,” she said.

But with a class size of at least 30 students, this cannot happen.

In Southwest Florida where Lee comes from, the maximum number of students in a classroom averages 25.

She said in kindergarten through second grade, “we were only allowed 18 students in the classroom per one teacher.”

She also said that from third

to fifth grade, classes have a maximum of 22 students while for higher grades, it is 25 to 1.

Marianas High School Algebra teacher Kathleen Winkfield could not agree more that the passage of the initiative will afford teachers and their students the opportunity to get the most

of their classroom interaction.

With the needed funds guaranteed, PSS will be able to have the critical supplies available for teachers’ and students’ use. **(PSS)**

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

## SENATOR

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Chamber executive director Jill Arenovski said the four—the CNMI Republican Party’s Oscar Babauta, Arnold Palacios, and Sixto Igisomar and independent candidate Stephen Woodruff—were the only ones who confirmed their attendance at the forum.

All three GOP bets are running in the regular senatorial race, while Igisomar is angling for the post vacated by now lieutenant governor candidate Ray Yumul.

Arenovski said the six other candidates for senator—independents Justo Quitugua, Illuminada Bermudes, Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan), Jesus Castro, and Roy Rios, and Democratic Party candidate Jesus Taisague—begged off from the forum because they were either off-island or only want to speak in the vernacular.

Save for Rios and Castro who are running in the special elections, the other six are running in the regular senatorial election.

### GOP and me

The four Republic Party candidates and Woodruff, however, more than made up for the low turnout of candidates. They were asked five questions submitted days before the forum and randomly picked by forum moderator Bob Coldeen.

They were given three minutes to give their 2 cents worth on the issue and another minute for rebuttal if needed.

The first question revolved

around the high cost of utilities in the CNMI. Veteran lawmakers Babauta and Palacios both agreed that the islands’ best bet in lowering its utility rates is for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to explore the use of alternative energy sources like geothermal, waste-to-energy, and liquid natural gas.

Igisomar touted how the CNMI government’s recent deal with Saipan casino licensee, Best Sunshine International Ltd., has provided \$10 million in utility vouchers to residential customers.

Woodruff took issue with Igisomar’s “massaging the casino industry” comment and said the CNMI should take lessons from the “failed garment industry.”

On the question of extending land leases under Article 11, all four candidates agreed that it should be amended and land leases extended from the current 40 years to 75 and even 99 years.

Palacios cited the years-old back-and-forth between the Department of Public Lands and Marianas Public Land Trust on the issue of land lease revenues and said it needs to be resolved.

Woodruff brought up the subject of Mariana Resort & Spa’s expiring Marpi land lease and said “we need to reward rather than punish” longtime businesses on the islands.

On the unreliability of interisland air service, Woodruff posed more questions than answers like if the local economy can actually support more than one carrier. He also reminisced about the bygone days of Continental Airlines and Air Mike.

Igisomar, for his part, cham-

pioned consumer advocacy and challenged the riding public to demand better service by complaining and writing letters or emailing the proper authorities.

Babauta, meanwhile, said he understands the complex problems of running an airline in a small market, having worked in the industry for 15 years. Palacios thanked Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan for taking up the issue with United Airlines executives in the mainland.

Palacios made an argument that failing to plan is planning to fail when asked what piece of legislation he will introduce first if he is elected senator.

He said the Executive and Legislative branches should adopt five- and 10-year plans so that the CNMI government can strategize for the future. This will involve plans for tourism, infrastructure, education, and the environment, among others.

Babauta said he will look to review all the laws that have been passed since the 1st Legislature and see what works and what no longer works. He also hinted at a surprise bill he would introduce if he wins.

Igisomar said the first bill he will work on is for revenue generation and that he will help provide funds to entrepreneurs by opening an office for the Small Business Development Center.

Woodruff said his first act if he becomes senator is poll all lawmakers and get a consensus on what needs to be done. He also wants a review of the islands’ tax code and make it simpler so the underground economy will be legalized.

The funniest quip of the eve-

ning belonged to Igisomar when asked about the Saipan casino law and whether it is fair to the CNMI.

“I can’t comment on an agreement I signed,” he said, drawing muffled laughter from the audience.

He, however, said he doesn’t need to defend the law and people just need to read the agreement between the CNMI Lottery Commission and Best Sunshine.

Woodruff said, “On paper it looks good but we need to guard against it” since the casino law still leaves a lot of questions.

Babauta said if he has had any regrets during his long and distinguished career as a lawmaker, it is that he wasn’t part of the process that gave birth to the casino law.

Palacios said the casino law is just what the doctor ordered for the Commonwealth. He is also glad that Best Sunshine didn’t ask for a qualifying certificate and sees the casino industry as having potential.

Chamber president Alex Sablan said proceeds from the forum will go to the organization’s Educational Scholarship Fund, which every year provides \$12,000 to college-bound high school seniors.

Next up for the Chamber is the gubernatorial forum on Oct. 27. Last night’s delegate forum was cancelled after both Andrew Salas and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan begged off from attending. The former is planning to fly to Boise, Idaho, to look for his missing brother, Joe, while the latter didn’t want to go to a forum with an empty chair beside him.

would have loved to hear what my other colleagues would have to say but everyone here did a good job,” Woodruff said.

Woodruff, Palacios, and Babauta are running for regular Senate seats; Igisomar is running in the special election to fill the vacancy created by Ray Yumul, who resigned to run as lieutenant governor.

The senatorial bets that did not show up were Justo Quitugua (Independent); Janet Maratita (Independent); Jesus Taisague (Democrat); Illuminanda Bermudes (Independent); Roy Rios (Independent); and Jesus M. Castro (Independent).

## SEQUESTRATION

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the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit resolves their appeal.

He said if the Ninth Circuit affirms U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona’s ruling that all registered voters can vote on Article 12 initiatives, then they will bring out the sequestered ballots and tabulate that portion for the House Legislative Initiative 18-1.

Guerrero said if the Ninth Circuit overturn Manglona’s decision and rules that only Northern Marianas descents can vote on Article 12 initiatives, then they will redo the election for that legislative initiative.

The position of CEC and Inos is to allow all qualified voters to vote on the initiative, but to stop the tabulation of the votes on the initiative, pending the resolution of their appeal.

“Basically, one we finished the tabulation, we have to secure the ballots and lock them up,” said Guerrero in explaining their sequestration request.

At the Nov. 4 election, Saipan and Northern Islands voters will be given two ballots—one for the general election and one for the special election for a Senate seat. The Initiative portion is included in the ballots for the general election.

In his declaration filed in court, Guerrero disclosed that the tabulating machines could be coded in such a manner as to “skip” certain section of the ballots.

He said the proper code needs to be entered into the tabulating machines before the Commission begins tabulating the ballots.

“If the court so ordered, the tabulating machines could be programmed to skip Legislative Initiative 18-1,” he pointed out.

In an interview, Guerrero said right now the law says they have to tabulate within 20 days after the election and certify the election within 20 days.

“So basically we have to tabulate everything. So if we get the order for us not to tabulate [the initiative], that’s the only portion we will not tabulate until such time that this issue is resolved with the court and then we go back and tabulate that portion of the election,” he said.

Assistant attorney general Charles Brasington filed Wednesday the motion for sequestration on behalf of CEC, its officials, and Inos.

Brasington argued that tabulating and certifying the votes prior to the disposition of defendants’ appeal will set in motion actions that will be difficult to undo if the Ninth Circuit reverses Manglona’s decision on who could vote on the Article initiative.

Manglona set a hearing on the sequestration motion for Oct. 29.

John D. Davis, a registered voter in the CNMI and a non-Northern Marianas descent, sued CEC and its officials in his desire to vote on any initiative to amend Article 12. Manglona ruled in favor of Davis.

In that landmark decision, Manglona ruled that qualified voters who are not of Northern Marianas descents must have the opportunity to vote on the Article 12 initiative and any other initiatives to amend Article 12.

Article 12 restricts the ownership of land in the CNMI to persons of Northern Marianas descent.

CEC appealed to the Ninth Circuit, asking to reverse the decision.

At the Nov. 4 election, voters will decide whether to approve or not the proposed amendment to NMI Constitution’s Article 12 to allow any U.S. citizen with “at least some degree” of Chamorro or Carolinian blood to be considered a person of Northern Marianas descent and can therefore own land in the Commonwealth.

Currently, only those with at least 25 percent NMD blood can own land in the CNMI.

the remaining \$4 million from years 2-5 of the OIA-recommended timeline.

But even if PSS receives \$5 million over a five-year period, \$6.3 million of the outstanding deferred maintenance will still remain.

The cost of deferred maintenance may continue to increase every year if the problems are not repaired and addressed, according to the PSS CIP office.

Deferred maintenance is postponement measure for projects that are put on hold, where repairs are neglected and preventative maintenance is ignored.

## WHERE

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NMI Republican Party bets Oscar Babauta, Arnold Palacios, and Sixto Igisomar, and independent candidate Steve Woodruff.

One community member, Pedro Guerrero, said all four candidates did their best and that there were no problems with what they presented.

Guerrero said the others who did not show up may have good reasons why they couldn’t attend.

Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) said all four candidates did a good job of presenting their

reasons for running but, in his opinion, Palacios stood out.

“Arnold did an extremely good job and responded well to specific matters,” Reyes said.

He also said it was a shame that the others did not come.

“I feel it would have been better if they showed up. All the questions were straightforward and problems were raised. Babauta did a good job, Igisomar has never been a member of the Legislature but he has a firm and tremendous grasp of the issues raised and once he gets in he will know what to do and he needs to accept that responsibility,” he said.

Chamber member Ron Smith echoed Reyes and Guerrero’s words that all candidates did very well.

“I feel that, with the other candidates that weren’t here to provide and express their views, we don’t know what they are going to do and it is really unfortunate because we would have loved to hear it,” Smith said.

In his final speech, Woodruff also expressed disappointment with the candidates who did not show up.

“It is really unfortunate that I am the only independent here and all of the [other candidates present] are Republicans, but I



# Kia'aina says tour of NMC was a 'sobering experience'

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Assistant Secretary for the Office of Insular Affairs Esther P. Kia'aina toured the Northern Marianas College yesterday and talked with college officials and students in what she would later call a "sobering" experience.

She toured the college with college president Dr. Sharon Hart and Bobbi Merfalen, dean of Academic Programs and Services, along with other college officials.

The overall experience, after her tour and discussion, proved to be an eye-opener for her.

"Sobering," she said, when asked to describe her experience.

"I see the teachers and faculty doing their best to provide a high-quality higher education for these students here. It seems to me that the students want to be here and to be part of a workforce for the future of the Northern Marianas. It is concerning to me that they are struggling to have standard facilities to provide for the proper education of the students here," she said.

One of the areas she visited was the nursing facility as well as college's cafeteria, where she asked students what they thought of their college.

She would later describe the cafeteria as "crowded quarters" and pointed to the nursing facility's need for updated equipment.

"They need updated equipment to better teach. It's not just facilities, it's equipment, and just the basic necessities any higher education student, any college student deserves," she said.

A nursing student told *Saipan Tribune* that instructors and students essentially make do with "visualization."

"Some equipment are not there but we do try our best to visualize our learning, and

our instructors try their best to make that work for us. Like, our medicine cabinet they label instead of 'boxes' it's 'drawers,'" she said.

She said because there is no medicine cabinet, it's a different look for them when students do go to the hospital, but that they are still able to do what they are told to do.

She also cited the need for more mannequins.

"Some are missing where we need to do injections, and some of the arms are not made for that. It's a bit difficult. But our instructors do their best," the student said.

## Partnerships

Because of limited funds, Kia'aina said it is important that all parties from the Executive Branch to local agencies work together to help the college.

"The message that I want to send is that if you look at economic development as a priority and workforce development as a necessary component of that priority, then investment must be made in higher education and that is not only in the funding available to run the college but also the necessary infrastructure," she said.

Before the tour Kia'aina sat down with the college to discuss current and completed OIA-funded capital improvement projects as well as priority projects on the table.

As reported earlier, OIA funds were key, through an \$800,000 facilities grant, to the renovation of the college's building K, which was completed in August.

"What I got today was a clear demonstration that they are doing the best that they can with the limited resources that they are given, but that in itself is not enough to achieve the objec-

tives of providing for a quality higher education in the Northern Marianas Islands," she said.

This education, she believes, is a big part of what the college offers as a "conduit" for the local workforce.

"Workforce development needs the necessary resources to train people," she said.

She said the college couldn't succeed in this without the partnership of all. That would include all the hardworking people

of the college, its students, and not just Insular Affairs but other federal agencies as well.

"Critically important is the support of the Northern Marianas government," she added.

Kia'aina said she looks

forward to working with all the parties involved to help the college.

"The students in the Northern Marianas deserve no less than any other students in the country," she said.

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## Head Start meets enrollment goals

As of Sept. 8, the Public School System's Head Start Program has met its funded enrollment requirement of 462 students, according to its director, Melissa Palacios, at a board meeting last week.

At the same time, Head Start was able to meet its requirement of having 10 percent children with disabilities, Palacios said. A total of 47 children with disabilities are currently enrolled in the program, according to her.

"We are currently providing services to those children and at the same time giving them the same educational opportunities as the rest," she told the board.

A total of 102 children are on the program's waitlist, according to her.

Head Start is currently con-

ducting its 45-day assessment of all its children, to include hearing, vision, growth assessment, and early screening inventory, among other things. This information will be shared with the board on Oct. 22, Palacios said.

Along with 45-day assessment are another two 45-day assessments to include health and screening and the governance and leadership screening, as part of their federal non-competitive grant award.

Those assessments are ongoing, according to Palacios, and reports will be available on Oct. 22.

An unannounced visit by Head Start program specialists to validate some of these requirements is expected, according to Palacios. (Dennis B. Chan)

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# Kitami: We're not in position to ask BS to look for other lands

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Kan Pacific Saipan, Ltd. president Yoshiro Kitami said Marianas Resort & Spa doesn't have the authority to ask Saipan casino licensee Best Sunshine International Ltd. to look for other public or private lands to build their \$7.1-billion integrated resort project.

Speaking through interpreter Hiroko Tenorio, Kitami said he is not in the position to say that a business should go to a certain place. He, however, reiterated the family owned company's belief that Mariana Resort and Best Sunshine can co-existence as responsible business entities that hire local residents, pay taxes, and contribute to the CNMI economy.

Kitami, who was in the Senate yesterday to receive yet another commemorative resolution, said Kan Pacific and Mariana Resort is close to his heart as his father started the business and he himself was born and raised on Saipan.

Also present during the presentation of the Senate commemorative resolution were Kitami's uncle and former Mariana Resort president Naoaki, general manager Gloria Cavanagh, and other staff of the Marpi hotel.

In her statement to the Senate, Cavanagh reiterated what Mari-

ana Resort said in its open letter to the CNMI government.

"We believe it is in the best interest of the CNMI for both Mariana Resort & Spa and the casino licensee to both operate, both pay taxes, and both pay lease rental. There are other lands available for the casino resort. We see no legitimate or useful purpose to force the closure of Mariana Resort."

She added that Kan Pacific has committed to the CNMI and is looking forward to resuming talks with the Department of Public Lands for another 40-year lease.

Cavanagh, in an interview with reporters following the presentation, said Mariana Resort's land lease extension proposal to Public Lands includes the construction of high-end rooms that during the offseason could fetch \$250 a night, as well as two more restaurants.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) assured Kan Pacific that the CNMI government will honor its land lease agreement with Marianas Resort, but stopped short of guaranteeing that its request for a lease extension will move forward.

"No one's going to take [them] out. They have a contract for 3 1/2 more years. The government should respect that contract. Nobody is chasing anybody away. Best Sunshine has an agreement to build a re-

sort of 2,000 rooms. They're asking RFP [request for proposals] on all public lands that is available and that is expected for the company to do. But in terms of the government chasing someone out, I don't believe that's my position. They have 3 1/2 years and we're here to support the company as what they ask for."

As for the lease extension, Torres said he would support Mariana Resort if the proposal is right.

"I'm in support of Mariana Resort's proposal if it's in the best interest of the community and the businesses. Their land lease is for 40 years so we're going to honor that contract. We will support and assist Mariana Resort from now until the end of their contract and see if we can work something out after that."

Mariana Resort is pursuing at least a \$30-million added investment for the initial 25-year renewal of its public land lease that's expiring in April 2018. It has an option for another 15 years.

Part of that additional investment is the addition of 100 executive rooms. Currently, Mariana Resort has 74 hotel rooms and 50 individual cottages.

Its talks with Public Lands on the 25-year extension apparently hit a snag as reports surfaced that Hong Kong-based

Best Sunshine is interested in the public land currently being

leased by Marianas Resort. Best Sunshine is planning to build a

\$7.1-billion integrated casino resort on Saipan.

## OPA gets full marks in quality control review



The CNMI Office of the Public Auditor announced yesterday that it received a full compliance rating for its 2014 quality control peer review. In compliance with generally accepted government auditing standards, OPA undergoes an external peer review every three years. The purpose of the review is to determine if OPA's internal quality control system is suitably designed

and operating effectively.

OPA's previous peer review was conducted in 2011 by a team designated by the Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors, or APIPA. The 2014 peer review was once again conducted by APIPA and performed by Charles W. Hester, APIPA Peer Review Technical Consultant; Stoney Taulung, Kosrae State Public Auditor; and Alice Etse, Se-

nior Auditor of the Pohnpei State Auditor's Office.

OPA is grateful to the 2014 APIPA peer review team for its efforts and professionalism displayed throughout the duration of the review. In addition, OPA extends great appreciation to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs who grants APIPA the funding to perform the peer reviews. (OPA)

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# 'Economic devt shouldn't be at expense of environment'

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Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Esther P. Kia'aina is passionate about the environment and volunteered that the Office of Insular Affairs will now ensure that the effect of climate change will be considered before approving any federally funded projects.

"Protection of cultural and natural resources including the impact of climate change should be taken into account when you talk about economic development. Too often we're looking at all the issues in isolation when in fact the protection of natural resources here is critically important in the overall wellbeing of the future economic development of the CNMI," she told reporters following an impromptu meeting with some members of the Senate and House of Representatives on Wednesday.

Kia'aina, who is visiting the CNMI for the first time as assistant secretary of Insular Affairs, said the Obama administration has made climate change one of its top priorities.

"What I would like people to do is look at things holistically and realize that we're all part of the same team in trying to advance economic development while safeguarding our beautiful oceans and protecting our coral reefs. The impact of climate change is a priority of President [Barack] Obama, [Interior] Secretary [Sally] Jewell, and myself and as such we will be beefing up our climate change program for the Office of Insular Affairs where we will be taking into account the manner of how we provide funds for technical assistance, CIP projects, and other funding sources to ensure that climate change is considered in the development of infrastructure and energy development projects."

She said environmental issues and climate change are close to her heart and she's happy that Interior is making them a priority.

"That is something I care about and is the mission of the Department of the Interior. When you talk about invasive species, you talk about climate change—they're all interrelated in that the degradation of the environment can have an adverse impact on the beautiful home environment that we call the Northern Marianas."

## Immigration and other issues

Kia'aina said another important issue the CNMI is facing is immigration reform and that part of her mission is to find out how her office can assist the islands in achieving a stable workforce.

"In order to achieve quality of life issues as well as promote economic development, government efficiency is important. One of our primary roles is to provide technical assistance, fiscal accountability, and data collection. We need the prevail-



MARK RABAGO  
Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Esther P. Kia'aina meets with some members of the Senate and House of Representatives on Wednesday.

ing wage to be able to help in the processing of our labor issues and as a result we've been providing funding to the CNMI government to that end. My question is why can't the [U.S.] Department of Labor help us. So I will be exploring that option to ensure that in the long run it would be automatic."

OIA providing assistance to jurisdictions like the CNMI is just another classic example of what happens in all of the territories, Kia'aina said.

"I will assist whenever I can when I feel an inequity and when I feel that there are people who should be doing their jobs. When the Office of Insular Affairs can help in the interim, which we are doing now, it is clearly important for this situation but I'm looking toward a long-term solution to ensure that your Department of Commerce will have all the necessary technical assistance and tools needed in order to get the job done, whether that be on their own or in concert with the Department of Labor."

On the matter of militarization in Pagan, Kia'aina said she needs to read up on the issue more, but appreciates the feedback given by CNMI leaders.

"I can't comment further on Pagan. I'm actually just undertaking my due diligence with regard to understanding the complexity of issues there relating to the preservation of cultural and historic resources, geothermal development, and the expressed interest of the [U.S. Department of Defense] for military training."

She said the issue of Pagan is very unique.

"I believe that needs to be taken into account against the big landscape of what DOD might have in mind. I appreciate the [Senate and House] members for sensitizing me to this issue because there is a federal nexus and I think my trip here is to learn first hand what is on the top of the mind of local leaders."

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The JATA Tourism EXPO 2014 was held on Sept. 26-28, 2014, in Tokyo.

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JATA Tourism Expo 2015 is scheduled for Sept. 25-27, 2015. (MVA)

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## Pete A. denies resignation rumor

Department of Public Lands Secretary Pedro A. Tenorio has denied rumors that he has resigned.

The former Washington Representative said rumors that he has stepped down from Public Lands or is planning to step down is probably being circulated by political opponents "who should step down themselves."

Tenorio he has no intention to resign and will only step down if asked by Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who appointed him as Public Lands secretary in the first place.

Acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider's acting public information officer, Ivan Blanco, said Tenorio has the full backing of Hofschneider and Inos, who is on medical leave in the Philippines, where he just recently

underwent a successful routine medical procedure.

"Governor Inos has full confidence in Secretary Pete A.

Tenorio. He should be congratulated for taking initiatives to utilize untapped local resources in the interest of the residents of the Commonwealth," Blanco said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

Earlier this month, Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) called for Tenorio's resignation for his office's failure to remit Managaha landing fees to the Marianas Public Land Trust.

In an Oct. 3, 2014, letter to Tenorio, Tebuteb said Public Lands might have been unknowingly violating the CNMI Constitution by not remitting the Managaha landing fees to MPLT. (Mark Rabago)



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## Penalty for failure to repost JVA after reopening position

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Interpacific Resorts has been sanctioned \$1,000 by the Department of Labor for failing to repost a job vacancy after reopening a position last month.

The company essentially

failed to notify Labor when it re-opened its purchase manager position. It had done so previously when the position was first opened from July to August.

Labor found this to be "misleading" to anyone viewing the website for job announce-

ments from Sept. 4 to Oct. 4 because after Aug. 16, the JVA was listed as "expired" on Labor's website.

None of the three applicants for the job were considered qualified, according to testimony.

The company re-opened the position on Sept. 4, and announced it open for a month in an advertisement in a local newspaper. However, the ad only appeared for a day in the newspaper.

Labor alleged that the compa-

ny failed to post a job announcement for the re-opened job on the department's website. Company representatives testified that this was not done intentionally. They believed the posting requirement was already satisfied when it first posted the job announcement.

However, Labor believed that common sense would dictate that if any employee were to re-open or re-advertise a job, then the employer has a new obligation to re-post the job on the department's website.

The company also could not give an adequate explanation as to why they would decide to re-open the application period for an entire month and yet only announce it for a day, according to testimony.

Labor stated that a cynic might suspect the company wished only to meet the requirement to advertise the job but did not actually want to receive applications for the position.

Labor noted that the company already employs a foreign worker who has worked in the position for seven years, and has worked for the company

for a total of 19.

Labor, however, found that the company's conduct did not justify imposing the maximum fine of \$2,000.

The department found that testimony suggests that the company's failure was the result of misreading the regulations rather than a willful attempt to circumvent the law. Half of the \$1,000 fine has been suspended for a year.

It will be extinguished as long as the company follows the terms set by Labor in their administrative order and commits no further violations.

## Babauta-Torres on Marianas Agupa tomorrow

Marianas Agupa will feature the independent team of former governor Juan N. Babauta and his running mate, former senator Juan S. Torres, tomorrow, Oct. 18, 2014, between 10am and 11am where they will make their case to the people of the Commonwealth on their quest to become governor and lieutenant governor.

Similarly, on Oct. 25, 2014, Marianas Agupa will feature the Democratic Party team of former CPA executive director Edward M. Deleon Guerrero for governor and former representatives Daniel O. Quitugua for lieutenant governor.

On Nov. 1, 2014, the show will feature Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Senate President Ralph Torres, the Republican Party's candidates for governor and lieutenant governor.

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Other related duties.

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2 years experience.  
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## Police should be required to know the laws they enforce

**I**gnorance of the law is no excuse”—except when you’re a police officer. That’s essentially the argument the state of North Carolina made to the U.S. Supreme Court last week when it defended the drug conviction of a man whose car was stopped by police based on a misunderstanding of a state traffic law.

Great constitutional cases often involve small-time offenses and routine police work, and this is no exception. When an officer in the Surry County Sheriff’s Department saw a Ford Escort with a broken right brake light, he pulled the car over and told the occupants he was citing them “for a nonfunctioning brake light.” Apparently suspicious, the officer asked the owner of the car, Nicholas Heien, if he could search it.

The search turned up a plastic sandwich bag containing cocaine, and Heien was arrested. But then an interesting fact emerged: North Carolina law says that no person may operate a motor vehicle “unless it shall be equipped with a stop lamp on the rear of the vehicle.” Heien’s Escort had “a” working brake light—the left one. The issue for the North Carolina courts, and now for the Supreme Court, is whether the stop was reasonable under the 4th Amendment. If the Supreme Court rules that it wasn’t, Heien can return to the state courts and argue that the evidence should be excluded.

In previous decisions, the court has held that evidence from a search can be admitted at trial if the police made a “good faith” mistake of fact—such as relying on a warrant that contained the wrong address. But mistakes of law are another matter. Heien’s lawyers concede in their brief that “officers need flexibility to make quick, ad hoc factual assessments in the field—and they are expert in doing so. The law, by contrast, lends itself to careful ... analysis.” A police officer can’t read up in advance on every factual contingency or be expected to know that a search warrant is defective. But he can study the law at his leisure before he has to enforce it. And if police aren’t penalized for making stops based on ignorance of the law, they won’t have any incentive to educate themselves.

Because traffic codes are filled with minor and sometimes arcane requirements, it’s already too easy for police to stop a car ostensibly because of a minor infraction but actually because they have a hunch that the vehicle contains drugs or other evidence of a serious crime. It would undermine the protections of the 4th Amendment even more if police could stop and possibly search a car because of a violation of a law that existed only in the officer’s mind. The Supreme Court must hold law enforcement to a higher standard.

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## The *suona* wail

**I** heard the sound before in the grasslands of *Nei Menggu* (Inner Mongolia) of traditional music at one of the tourist stops foreigners gets trapped in. I was impressed by the volume of the sound, a combination of a flute and a trumpet, an oboe with a brass spout.

My neighbor across the street married her son off and their wedding mixed the modern white-gown-suit-and-tie and a black sedan appropriate for the young couple, with some traditional music, a *suona* solo that was impressive in both verve and virtuosity. I was not sure what was appropriate so I discreetly recorded the event from my solarium, losing much of the clarity since I shot through a glass pane.

The energetic girl’s relatives in their countryside ways of instinctively getting things done vs. the sophisticated (we’ve-got-someone-paid-to-do-that) nonchalance of the boy’s city slickers was evident when it was fireworks time. The crackers were laid on the street like two hearts lanced by an arrow, which the pros made sure it only required one lighting at one end. The girl’s aunt and father interfered with the set-up. When it finally was time to light up the firecrackers (and roman candles), the father and the aunt had to run twice into their section as the lighting cascade kept getting interrupted.

My teaching colleague at the university bawdily exclaimed on occasions like this: “Well, someone is getting screwed again!” Hardly. Bedroom manners in China hold virginity before marriage to be of no import for couples; 71 percent generally live together before the formal “wedding” (unless one has a bishop that still keeps his nose close to the bride’s tiara). The groom’s parents tend to worry more on getting a place for the couple to live in, and having enough cash to pay for the wedding party. Most often, the marriage certificate is a done deal signed and registered before the wedding party. Connubial exertions are desserts, not *hors d’oeuvre* and hardly the main course!

The routine goes: the groom is driven to his bride’s pick-up place, gathers her into the black sedan, and then is driven back to his home (where they are welcomed by fireworks), presents the bride to his parents, who give their blessings with no shortage of red envelopes stuffed with cash that the girl’s family will equal, if not better, at the wedding meal. The groom takes his bride back to the car and a parade of black sedans (at least, eight, *ba*, which also sounds like the word for “happiness”), hired for the occasion ensues with lights flashing and horns blaring, in a circuitous route to the party venue.

The party entails a lot of speeches (the bride and groom’s words of gratitude to their parents are tearjerkers), and the red envelope pours in earnest, customary from all guests. When the bride and groom leave for their new abode, the bride carries with her a big fat purse full of red envelopes and the count takes pre-

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cedence over any eye on concupiscence.

Last week, came the blaring sound of *suona* again accompanied by electronic *sheng* and drums, five doors down the street. A makeshift elevated stage and a shed stood on the playground with huge flower arrangements surrounded by artful calligraphy. I grabbed my camera, resolved that my pictures would be from the ground level this time.

Since I could not read any of the messages, I went with the upbeat music that was loud enough to be heard 10 blocks away. There were somber looks on people’s faces that I obviously missed. I assumed that since we were in a former rural area, the *suona* was more frolic than solemn for the wedding.

Had I paid closer attention, I would have noticed the colorful paper flowers around the tent instead of fresh ones, and the stack of “fake” paper money (the kind burned during the tomb-sweeping festival in honor of ancestors). When the *suona* players alighted from the stage to meet what was coming out of the building, I might have noticed the canopy of a white blanket that four male adults held at the doorway. Weddings are wildly colored red!

I had my camera pointed and running when it dawned on me that a wrapped corpse had just been laid into a casket inside the tent full of Daoist symbols. Horror of horrors, I was shooting a funeral! I was slow on the draw. One lady put her hands in front of my camera and said: *bu hao* (no good), before I could turn it off.

It was a tiny body and I asked a child if it was a boy or a girl, and how old ze was. He answered: “Boy. 10.” I was sad and I did not understand the perky *suona* music for the occasion. It turned out to be my second faux pas. The child referred to himself as a boy of 10 in his limited English. I later discovered that the corpse had “suddenly and unexpectedly died at the ripe age of 73.” Though perky, the *suona* wail still hit hard. I am only 4-bends short behind that chronological journey.

The *suona* wailed three days, sunrise to sundown, before the body was delivered to the crematorium. I am tracking down a good *suona* wail for *moi*.



# Think before you drink

Today’s happy hour may find you nursing a beer, perhaps served island-style over a glass of ice. That’s a good way to brace yourself for some news from our Health-and-Cheeseburger man, who is always on the lookout for important news. A couple of items have come over the transom lately. These concern studies that aren’t so happy-go-lucky about the health implications of fruit juices and diet sodas. Many people load up on these drinks because they’re thought to be responsible choices in the beverage realm, so if questions are being raised, well, let’s raise some questions.

Before I pour these matters into your cup, I’ll note that I have no grand judgments to render, and I darned sure don’t have any finger-wagging to do. I’m just flagging these stories in case you want to read up on them further. As for me, in my never-ending quest to be as inert as possible, I keep an eye open for easily-sidestepped bad habits so I can avoid expending energy on building any good ones.

It’s a balance-sheet outlook. The fewer liabilities you have, the fewer assets you need to cover them, and the more time you can spend at the beach.

Well, *Forbes* magazine knows a few things about assets and liabilities, so I’ll steer you to a Sept. 17 article at *Forbes.com*. It’s titled, “An Unintended Consequence of Diet Soda: Disrupting Friendly Bacteria and Raising Blood Sugar.”

The gist is that a study indicates that artificial sweeteners might cull down the beneficial bacteria residing in our digestive systems. The referenced study, I’ll note, had a very small sample size, so further studies will surely follow in order to add some more statistical brawn to the issue. We’ll just have to stay tuned to see what comes along next.

# Failing due diligence! Again?

It’s no longer bizarre how the boys on the hill approved the casino industry as its signature achievement. But was any thought given to a U.S. Labor Department legal mandate that hiring of foreign workers (now lumped to national needs) must be replaced over the next five years?

The so-called \$7-billion integrated resort—however delusional (triggered by internal lack of due diligence)—would need at least 6,300-plus workers. The single biggest Chinese investment was the recent purchase of Waldorf Astoria in New York with 1,300 rooms at the cost of \$1.9 billion.

This is the setback you run into when you brave running off the ranch without engaging in thoughtful planning process or due diligence. Do we do another mea culpa with Uncle Sam when he’s given us sufficient warning to watch how we drive around the thousand feet curve?

## Sustainability of Saipan casino

There could be the slight chance that our men of wisdom must have read a report on the sustainability of the Saipan casino attached to the new law as part of its history.

What did the report say as the targeted market to lure wealthy players? Didn’t the Chinese government just recently start purging corruption of the industry in Macau against junket tours partly comprised of the triad? In brief, it’s a serious effort to stop the transfer of money from China proper to Macau and elsewhere.

Did the market report include a thorough review of who would be our most serious competitor? Doesn’t this include Macau itself, Singapore, South Korea, the Philippines and Tokyo in the next two years? Without wealthy players, how do we ensure sustaining the operations of the Saipan casino?

Just the fact that you secured a license without the land and other collateral issues fully intact is seemingly the perfect recipe for failure. Did you folks seriously consider the mandate from U.S. Homeland Security that the NMI replaces guest workers in the next five years?

These are issues you’ve overlooked that are factually thought provoking and troubling, if not humiliating, how you all dashed off the ranch without your guns, spurs, saddles and horses. Or did you only have your suspect sling shot, dull and rusty spear gun?

## Must reassess our journey

Calmly, I’d revisit the quicksand of inconsistency in what we spout that includes indigenous issues and half-baked claims of self-government.

Interesting how we still use Uncle Sam as the All Purpose Whipping Boy as we vent frustrations over everything that has gone wrong in paradise.

Now, self-government pertains to our participation in the daily operations of government here. It includes ensuring the NMI lives within its financial means. It’s broke or bankrupt! Who was sleeping on the switchboard? Was it Uncle Sam or indigenous leadership?

The afternoon snooze went on as to ignore paying government debts to CUC. The federal court took charge of issues where CUC failed. Now, CIP funds would be used to meet court-ordered payments. Did Uncle Sam fail to pay the bill on time?

We had a retirement fund now known as the “settlement fund,” ditched into bankruptcy by politicians. It went to court and the judge said it must be paid accordingly per a schedule of payment.

Politicians simply refused to give CHC the needed funds for its operations of some \$38 million per year. I’m leery that the feds would slowly take over CHC to protect our people. Hey! Uncle

The topic weighs on something I mentioned in this space a few weeks ago, but on the opposite side of the bacteria ledger. Kimchi, a staple of Korean cuisine, and no stranger to Saipan’s plates, is said to provide a healthy payload of good bacteria when the kimchi is prepared by fermentation (which is the traditional method). Me, I just like eating the stuff, but if it’s good for me, at least in this regard, then so much the better, and the diet soda article sort of got me thinking about this stuff again.

And maybe it is worth thinking about. I’ve got no problem believing that the helpful little critters crawling around our innards can be treated well, or treated poorly, and that after the critters have to deal with our diet, we’ll have to answer for the consequences. Could this realm be a bigger part of general health than is commonly thought?

Artificial sweeteners have long been viewed with some skepticism since they are, well, artificial. Of course, various studies will point in various directions; that’s something that never seems to change.

Meanwhile, here’s something that sounds natural: fruit juice. So it must be OK, right?

Not everybody seems to think so. The *Women’s Health* magazine website has an Oct. 14 article titled, “Scary News About Your Morning Glass of Juice.”

The upshot of the underlying study, one that also has a skinny sample size, is that people who consumed a lot of fruit juice had slightly higher blood pressure than those who didn’t. Whether there’s really some causation here, or it’s just a statistical wiggle, well, that’s certainly something that will spark discussion. Just keep those discussions away from my beach chair, please; I don’t want the sparks to burn a hole in the nylon.

But I’ll note that orange juice does have a bit of sugar in it, about

Sam has gone past his wake-up call! Tell him there’s a pandemic of dead neurons in the ER hailing from Crapital Hill!

## Shifting sands of Marpi land

The brewing political warfare on the disposition of the Marpi land (where Kan Pacific is situated) has taken on various twists and turns. It has gone from money-focused position as the basis of “in the best interest of the indigenous landowners,” violation of a partnership and investment stability of the NMI to a “deal or no deal” seesaw exchange by former and current legislators versus Best Sunshine.

The administration’s goal is to sustain BS’ planned investment per the casino law versus the scarcity of contiguous land up north and other collateral setbacks. Former and current lawmakers are rumored to be dangling a \$70 million offer to BS to pacify KP so it forfeits the balance of its lease and leave quietly and permanently, too. So we begin to see the morphing from “indigenous best interest” to “my fees.” Deal?

Does KP know of the deal by Da Boys? Curious too if the boys in the administration haven’t been whispering to BS behind its fully shield curtain “we guarantee you the Marpi land.” The deal—whichever way it morphs—is farcical. The new epidermis is known as pachyderm that has its origin on the hill.

The best approach is to turn the matter over to an investment commission whose task is to fully study any and all future uses of indigenous land for investment purposes. Has the foreign-investment paradigm worked? Take a closer ocular review!

For instance, UMDA has sold Laulau Bay to KUMHO. The lat-

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Thank you

It is never too late to extend our appreciation to the many people and organizations that contributed to a very successful and memorable event. On behalf of the 2014 Cnmi Annual Labor Day Tournament’s Committee and its members, we would like to extend our most heartfelt appreciation to the following people for all their donation, support, and assistance:

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92 percent as much as Coca-Cola has, judging from the labels that I saw. That’s 36 grams vs. 39 grams for a 12-oz. serving, just in case you’re keeping score.

I always enjoy getting mathematician Nassim Nicholas Taleb’s take on things, and my well-worn copy of his book *Antifragile* does, indeed, offer a take on this note. Taleb, an expert on risk, writes that his rule is to drink no liquid that is not at least a thousand years old, and that he drinks just wine, water, and coffee. He specifically notes that he doesn’t drink soft drinks, and to say that he’s no fan of orange juice would be an understatement. Me, I don’t have nearly as much dietary self-discipline as he does, but his logic is always worth studying.

Of course, when it comes to any of this stuff, the only logic you’re really going to heed is your own. That’s one fact that just can’t be escaped.

In the meantime, you might as well pour some more beer over that mug of ice. Enjoy it while you can. After all, you never know what our Health-and-Cheeseburger man will uncover next.

## By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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ter has sold it to another group. In other words, they sell when the market looks dim. Where does it leave indigenous landowners? Moreover, why would public land be appraised as raw land where developments already exist? This regressive policy must change! Why must indigenous landowners settle for \$3 per square meter when the current land value is over \$80?

## SSHS windmill

Some eight months ago an alternative energy engineer visited the Saipan Southern High School windmill project. He’s of the view it won’t work without a battery or back-up system. Unfortunately, it would probably require some \$150,000 to fix and have it operational. Does PSS have this sum to complete the project? Something’s got to be done lest it stays a bird’s nest, as is the case today. Sadly, there’s only one renewable energy engineer this side of the Pacific.

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Without your contribution, our event would not have been as successful as it was. This event was established to unite our people with the emphasis of making it about our children. As we proudly put this year’s event to a close, it is our hope that you will continue to be strong supporters for many years to come as we continue to grow and commit our event to our children and children’s children. *Si yu’us ma’ase, ghilisow*, and thank you!

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

### Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼78
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼81

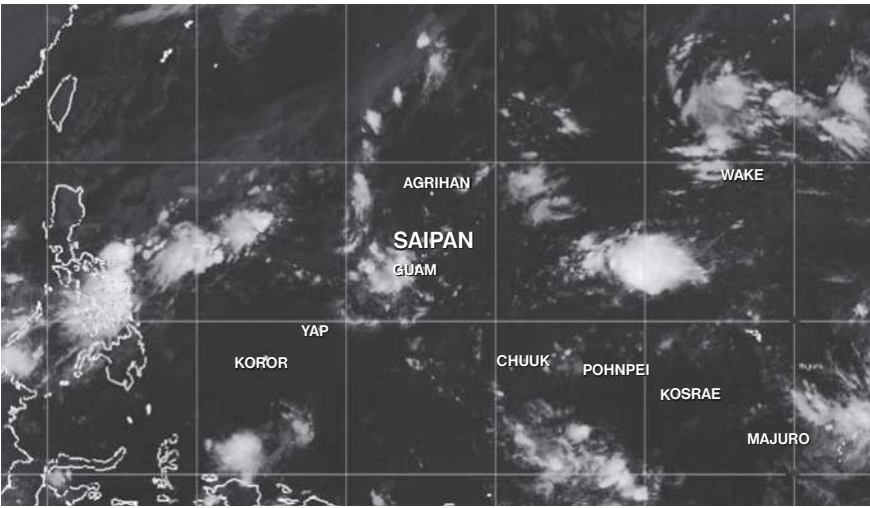
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲62 ▼54
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲75 ▼52
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲81 ▼74
Honolulu	Showers	▲86 ▼78
London	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼60
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲76 ▼58
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲76 ▼60
Miami	Sunny	▲83 ▼68
New York	Sunny	▲71 ▼58
Osaka	Sunny	▲72 ▼50
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲72 ▼59
Pusan	Sunny	▲72 ▼58
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲78 ▼63
Salem	Showers	▲64 ▼55
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲68 ▼58
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲73 ▼50
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼54
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲73 ▼58

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
2:13 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet	
9:33 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet	
4:50 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet	
10:55 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet	

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A fragment of a dissipating shear line is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms well north of Palau and Yap within 80 miles of a line from 15N130E to 17N135E. A surface trough extends southward from east of Iwo To island at 25N142E to west of the Marianas at 15N141E. Another surface trough runs from west of the Marianas at 14N142E westward to 12N131E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring mainly west of Guam between 11N and 14N from 141E to 144E. Convergent southwest winds south of a weak circulation centered south of Chuuk and Pohnpei at 5N154E are triggering scattered showers between the equator and 3N from 152E to 159E. A weak circulation north of Pohnpei is centered near 13N158E with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 12N and 15N from 156E to 163E. An upper-level trough runs eastward from 23N155E through an upper-level circulation centered at 24N163E to a second upper-level circulation at 24N173E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found west of Wake Island between 19N and 21N from 162E to 167E and north of Wake Island between 21N and 25N from 164E to 179E. A surface trough southeast of Majuro runs northeastward from 5N170E to beyond 9N180 with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 150 miles of a line from 5N170E to 4N176E to beyond 7N180.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:09 AM	5:56 PM
Saturday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM
Sunday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM
Monday	6:10 AM	5:54 PM
Tuesday	6:10 AM	5:53 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:33 AM	1:27 PM
Saturday	1:21 AM	2:08 PM
Sunday	2:09 AM	2:47 PM
Monday	2:56 AM	3:26 PM
Tuesday	3:43 AM	4:05 PM

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DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN		
UA5070	4:15am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)		
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN		
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	11:30pm	DL298	4:30am	3:05pm
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm
DL297	4:20pm	7:20pm	DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN		
QZ606	2:20am	6:00am	7C 3402	8:00am	1:25pm
QZ606	2:50am	6:30am	QZ603	8:50am	2:20pm
7C 3401	2:20pm	6:30pm	7C 3402	9:30am	2:55pm
QZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	QZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1
7C 3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	QZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN		
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN		
MU764A	4:00am	8:00am	MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN		
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN		
QZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	QZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm
QZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	PR110/UA5041	7:35am	6:35pm
UA5069/PR111			PR110/UA5077	7:35am	8:05pm
UA5070/191			PR110/UA5043	7:35am	10:20pm
UA5070/183			DL172/288	7:55am	1:30am+1
UA5070/183			UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm
DL287/473	6:05am	10:20pm	QZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1
UA5071/PR111	6:40am	4:50pm	UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1
UA5071/PR111	7:15am	4:50pm	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1
UA5068/183			UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:45pm	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1
UA5039/183			UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1
UA5038/183			UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1
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## Asian Pacific American Caucus PAC endorses Kilili re-election

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan has received the re-election endorsement of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Leadership PAC. Rep.

Judy Chu (D-Calif.), Chairman of the Caucus, congratulated Sablan in the endorsement letter as being "the candidate best suited to promote and protect the civil

and political rights of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community for the Northern Mariana Islands."

"I am grateful to my fellow

members of Congress, who form the Asian Pacific American Caucus, for their support," said Sablan. "And I hope that voters in the Northern Mariana Islands will allow me to return to work with the Caucus in the next Congress."

"We have much to do to raise

Force on Education, a key area of concern for Asians and Pacific Islanders nationwide. Sablan is also a member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The CAPAC Leadership PAC

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is dedicated to the goal of increasing the representation of Asian and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. Congress to achieve fair representation.

Asian and Pacific Islanders are the fastest growing population in the American community.

"The Caucus embodies the

idea of an America where people of all ethnicities and backgrounds are welcome," Sablan said. "I am the Micronesian-American. We have Polynesian-American members, Chinese-Americans, Korean-Americans, Japanese-Americans, a Filipino-American, and an Indian-American. We are Buddhists, Hindu, Catholics, and Protestants."

"Despite those differences, we all share a common value. We all are dedicated to improving the lives of the people we work for."

"That is the principle that has driven me over the last six years in Congress and will continue to guide me, if I am allowed to return to serve for another term of office." (PR)

## 'Pinoy Super Dad' is now 'Pinoy Super Man'

The United Filipino Organization is renaming its "Pinoy Super Dad" competition into "Pinoy Super Man" due to the contestants being not really committed to the program.

"We are not going to push with the Super Dad contest. Most of them are shy and also we are having a hard time fixing all the schedules for the series of rehearsals due to their workload," UFO president Annamae Adaza said.

Adaza said that UFO has decided to change the title and the age bracket for contestants.

"It is open to all Filipino males with ages from 18 to 35

years old," Adaza said.

"We are looking for at least 12 contestants and we are encouraging companies to at least let their employees join the contest, knowing that these employees will feel more confident if they have their company's support," she added.

The contestants will be competing in the following categories: production number, talent portion, formal wear, and question-and-answer portion.

Prizes are \$800 for first place, \$500 for second, \$300 for third, \$200 for fourth, and \$100 for fifth.

Adaza said they are also looking for donors and sponsors who wish to help out.

The first general meeting and orientation will take place today, Friday, at the Saipan Music and Dance Studio in Garapan at 7pm. The agenda will include discussion on the competition's rules and regulations.

"Please come so you will get the first hand information and details of the contest, so it will help you decide whether the contest is for you or not," Adaza said.

For more information or to register, call Adaza at 483-5237, UFO secretary Mario Mayuga at 285-1021, event chair Nel Atalig at 233-3854, or event director Ernie Molina at 789-8212. (Jayson Camacho)



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"I started off as a WIA trainee, then they found me a job as a file clerk. This is my first job, and I, myself, am surprised that I am still working here after six years. Working in accounting is interesting. It can be challenging when it comes to balancing off reports, but it's also fun because it makes you think, like solving a puzzle."

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### Elfleda "Ella" Santos

Payroll Clerk, Mariana Resort & Spa



"What I enjoy most about my job is meeting new people from different cultures, learning about their cultures, interacting with them, and interacting with other employees here. Like the saying goes, 'Tourism is everybody's business.'"

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Happy 24th birthday to our favorite sister, auntie, nina in the world Koniko Nakazato! Hope you have a blessed and awesome day. Love always from TJ, Peleni, Mitsue, and Sara.



**BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT**  
Happy 25th birthday to our hero and the world's greatest dad, Byron Cruz! We are beyond blessed to have you in our lives and thank you for everything you have done for us. Wishing you a joyous and loving day and may all your wishes come true for what a wonderful person you are. With lots of love, Kayven, Junior and Aly.



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Belated birthday shout out to Cody James Sablan Taitano in Arizona! We love you. Greetings come from your family.



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Belated birthday shoutout to Jude Derence! We love you bulalalala. Greetings come from your family.



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Belated birthday shout out to Justin Lisua! We love you. Greetings come from your family.



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Happy birthday greetings go out to my beautiful wife and the mother of my kids, Kianna Camacho Manglona! Your boys and I wish you a wonderful day, my love, and many more because you deserve just that! We love you!

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# Manglona denies lawyer's request to withdraw her show cause order

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has denied lawyer Stephen C. Woodruff's request that she withdraw her order for him to explain why he should not be suspended from the practice of law in federal court and discipline him for failure to comply with the court's orders.

In a separate order, Manglona also denied Woodruff's motion to reseal the disciplinary matter against him.

In another order, Manglona granted Woodruff's request to reschedule the order to show cause hearing after the Nov. 4 general election. The hearing, originally set for yesterday, Oct. 15, was moved to Nov. 12, 2014.

On Woodruff's request for the court to withdraw the order to show cause, Manglona said Woodruff implicated that the court is responsible for the bad press he has received and should take measures to right this wrong.

The judge said the order to show cause was properly issued publicly and will not be sealed.

"If [Woodruff] is aggrieved by press coverage, he must take that up with the press," she said.

Manglona said Woodruff will have the opportunity to

show cause why sanctions should not be imposed at the show-cause hearing.

In his request, Woodruff argued that he is the target of misleading publicity in local press coverage of Manglona's order to show cause. He argued that withdrawal is the proper remedy because the order to show cause was improperly entered.

Woodruff noted that this past Friday, he asked the court to reseal this disciplinary case, and that the court failed to act on that motion over the Columbus Day weekend.

On the motion to reseal the case, Manglona ruled that the public's interest in disclosure outweighs Woodruff's interest in secrecy.

"A watchful public eye on proceedings is never more necessary than when it is alleged a judicial officer may be acting out of bias or improper motive," the judge said.

Manglona said Woodruff's motion and declaration call into question the court's impartiality as he focuses on the propriety of the court ordering him to show cause in a disciplinary matter less than a month before the election. Woodruff is a candidate for a Senate seat.

Manglona said those arguments, however, weigh heavily in favor of open, not closed,

proceedings.

The judge said the public policy in favor of open access serves "the citizen's desire to keep a watchful eye on the workings of public agencies."

Manglona said Woodruff acknowledges that this disciplinary case has been unsealed and open for public inspection for more than a year and a half since March 21, 2013, and that "the local news media have publicly report[ed] most, if not all, filings in this case."

The judge said respondent's concern is not that further open proceedings will prematurely and unfairly disclose confidential information or untested accusations, but that already widely publicized facts and allegations will be republished during the campaign season and disproportionately affect the outcome of the election.

Manglona said that possibility might be grounds to continue the show-cause hearing until after election day if he were to request.

In his request to unseal, Woodruff asserted that open proceedings would unfairly prejudice him and improperly embroil the court in CNMI electoral politics.

Woodruff said he believes that open proceedings may unfairly have a negative impact on his electoral prospects.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

A Message from  
**Masahiro Watanabe**  
President of Rota Treasure Island Corporation

I was so happy to visit my second home, the island of Rota. In my visit, I was able to catch up with the Mayor of Rota, Mr. Melchor A. Mendiola in discussing the issues of the economy of this beautiful island and at the same time to further strengthen our friendship.

At the Man'amko Office in Rota, I was able to meet with some friends and spend some time with them. A special gift to all Man'amkos were presented to them to help out with the overall experience with their time at the Center.

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Hotel and Casino (Rota Treasure Island Corp.) has closed down due to personal reasons. However, we have made plans to **RE-OPEN** the facility by early next year and hope that this will help in increasing the tourism industry and gain significant economic benefits for the island of Rota.

I understand that the Air transportation is still of issue to bring in customers/tourist. This situation has a great effect to the economy, but I assure you that this has been looked into and will soon come up with a solution.

With the continued support from the Mayor of Rota and the people of this beautiful island, I will do my best in contributing to the Rota economy and hoping one day it'll improve and benefit us all.

Thank you for your time,  
Masahiro Watanabe



Dear People of the Commonwealth,

Please accept our sincerest gratitude for the support you have shown over the past six years.

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With gratitude and warm personal regards, I remain,

*Kilili*

Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan



(Top) Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan with his father, the late Jesus Diaz Sablan, his mother, Victorina Camacho Sablan, his wife, Andrea, and his children, Jesse and Patricia Sablan. (Right) Congressman Sablan's grandchildren, clockwise from top left: Amanda, Greg Jr. Rob and Wes.



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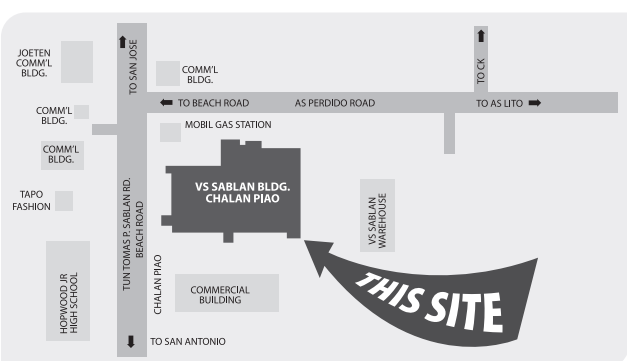
# Mount Carmel School celebrates cultural diversity



Seniors perform a traditional Carolinian dance.

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A number of cities and towns across the nation recently decided to celebrate alternatives to Columbus Day that are more sensitive and cognizant of the Native Americans that discovered the American continent before Christopher Columbus did in 1492. Eight years ago, though, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands got way ahead of the curve when it enacted Public Law 15-04, declaring Oct. 13 Commonwealth Cultural Day instead of Columbus Day. Eight years later, the Commonwealth continues to celebrate this important holiday, which Mount Carmel School does as well with its own annual school-level Cultural Day. This year was no exception as the school celebrated its rich cultural diversity on Thursday, Oct. 16.

The day started with a parade of the many cultures represented at the school, along with cultural dances and presentations. The featured cultures and countries included Chamorro, Carolin-

ian, Filipino, Japanese, China, India, Palau, Thailand, Russia, Vietnam, Australia, Korea, and the United States. The parade was kicked off and closed with performances from the school's recently formed Dance Club. The kick-off dance was a contemporary dance to Korean pop songs, while the closing dance highlighted traditional Carolinian dancing with seniors dressed in cultural attire.

The parade also featured numerous cultural costumes, national flags, and special decorations and banners. These aspects of the parade, as well as the performances, were judged by the school's business manager, Keiko Yamagata, school counselor Tobed Smith, and Theology instructor Vir Abueme. After the parade and presentations, students were treated to fun games, field events, and a mini-carnival. Students also brought their own cultural dishes for potluck parties at lunch and 7th through 12th grade students decorated

their classrooms to represent their respective cultures and countries.

Later in the afternoon, students were recognized with Cultural Day awards. In the 1st through 6th grade division, 1st grade students took the overall award for banner, mascot, and display. In the 7th through 12th grade division, seniors took the overall prize for best decorated class, mascot, field games, and dance performance.

The school's celebration of Cultural Day was coordinated by Student Council, whose president, Maria Fe "Eya" Lazaro, was very happy with how things turned out. "It was successful. We got to appreciate our many cultures and students had a lot of fun, especially with the games."

William Camacho, Student Council vice president, echoed Lazaro's sentiments. "It was great because throughout the day, there were opportunities for all kids of all age levels to enjoy themselves." (PR)



2nd Grade represents Korea. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

8th Graders represent Palau. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO





# SHRM meeting to highlight OSHA and worker rights

The Society for Human Resource Management CNMI Chapter will be hosting a special presentation at its October General Membership meeting on the topic of "OSHA and Worker Rights," a key responsibility and concern to all HR professionals and all managers. SHRM's guest speaker, Jeffrey B. Romeo, OSHA Area Director, Honolulu, Hawaii, will be presenting this program and will provide an opportunity for questions from the audience.

Romeo will be preceded by Agnes Manglona-McPhetres, chief executive officer of the Northern Marianas Trade Institute, who will update the attendees on the status and programs

## Filipino group to commemorate 1st Haiyan anniversary

In commemoration of the first anniversary of Typhoon Haiyan, which devastated the Philippines particularly the Central Visayas and adjacent regions on Nov. 8, 2014, the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas Chapter, in collaboration with the Global Filipino Diaspora Marianas and National Federation of Filipino American Associations Marianas chapter, will be holding several activities on Nov. 8 on Saipan and Guam, said Dr. Celia Lamkin, chairperson of US Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas chapter, founding chairperson of Global Filipino Diaspora Marianas, and chairperson of NaF-FAA Marianas chapter for the CNMI and Guam.



A teleconference on Wednesday was called by and preceded by Loida Lewis, national chairperson of US Pinoys for Good Governance and Global Filipino Diaspora Council, to discuss the forthcoming first anniversary of Typhoon Haiyan and its relationship with the request for Temporary Protected Status for the Philippines. Among those who attended the meeting were Lamkin, US4PGG President Rodel Rodis, NaFAA national chairman JT Mallonga, NaFAA New Jersey member Merit Salud, USP4GG Washington, D.C. member Eric Lachica, Mitzi Pickard, Daisy Tucay and USP4GG New York member Joe Ramos.

The members and volunteers of the USP4GG Marianas chapter, members of the Global Filipino Diaspora Marianas and members of the Filipino community in the CNMI who are concerned about their fellow Filipinos are welcome to attend the community meeting on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, from 6pm to 8pm, at the San Antonio Parish Social Hall in San Antonio, Saipan. (PR)

of the Trade Institute.

This meeting will be held on Oct. 20, 2014, this next Monday at Charley's Cabaret, PIC, from 11:30am to 2pm.

The presentation includes

lunch at a cost of \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited and can be reserved by contacting Nora Sablan by phone at 235-0994/8 or by email at Nora.Sablan@fh-

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### HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE 18-12 (English)

This initiative proposes a constitutional amendment to the level of funding mandated for the Public School System (PSS). The only change is from a guaranteed annual budget of 15% to a guaranteed annual budget of 25% of the general revenues of the Commonwealth. This budgetary appropriation is not available for re-programming.

The purpose of the proposed initiative is to provide greater financial support to PSS and to bring CNMI education funding to the same funding level as found in other state jurisdictions of the US.

#### PROS

This amendment will guarantee that a future Legislature cannot decrease PSS funding below 25% of general revenues. Without a constitutional amendment, the Legislature is free to restrict spending to PSS to the minimum guaranteed 15%. The pressures of other obligations during budget time makes the budget process political and education needs may suffer in that process without this proposed change.

On average, 25% of state revenues are spent on K-12 education in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The proposed change would guarantee a higher level of funding to the CNMI PSS than currently exists. This increase would make the CNMI's education funding match that spent in the US.

The CNMI Constitution guarantees free public education. It is useful to have an educated population for participation in civic affairs and for the general benefit of the community. A mandate for 25% funded education system may help meet the constitutional promise and provide greater educational opportunities and better quality education.

#### CONS

The amendment restricts Legislative flexibility to address problems with budget appropriations. The Legislature would have less money available to it for appropriations for other government functions. Right now, the Legislature may direct 85% of general revenues, subject to other constraints. This gives the Legislature the flexibility to spend general revenues on matters it deems pressing or important. With the change from the proposed amendment, the Legislature would have only 75% of general revenues to direct towards other government functions.

Some other government departments or funded activities will get a smaller percentage than they receive now. Increasing PSS funding may hurt some other important and necessary governmentally-funded work. If PSS must get 25% of the general revenues, the Legislature would need to raise taxes or find other ways to increase the government revenues to maintain current levels of spending in other areas.

The Legislature is presently permitted to fund PSS at 25% or more if it decides that is what to do with the limited resources of the CNMI. A constitutional amendment isn't necessary to allow this to happen if the Legislature wants to direct that much of the budget to PSS. It may not go below 15%.

#### CONCLUSION

The proposed amendment is consistent with and would achieve its intended purpose to increase PSS support and bring CNMI's contribution to K-12 education in line with spending in the 50 states of the USA. However, increasing PSS's budget means that some other government-funded activity or function will receive less; the government will have to raise more revenues to maintain its current spending level for those other activities and functions.

### HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE 18-12 (Chamorro)

Esti na initiative ha proponi i constitutional amendment para i level of funding ni ma'otdin para i Sistemang Iskuelan Pubblica (PSS). Atyu ha' na tinilaika i guaranteed annual budget gi kinsi (15%) put sientu asta i guaranteed budget gi bentsingku (25%) put sientu gi general revenues gi Commonwealth. Esti na apropositun budgetary ti gumuaha para i re-programming.

I hinangai maproponi na initiative para u na'guaha ladangkulu na suppotasion fainansiad para i PSS yan para u na'hulum fundun idukasion CNMI gi parehu na funding level kumu masodda' gi halum ottru state jurisdiction giya US.

#### FINABOT SIHA

Esti na amendsasion para u garentia i mamamaila' na Leyislatura ni ti u na'menus i fundun PSS gi papa' bentsingku (25%) put sientu gi general revenues. Sin i constitutional amendment, i Leyislatura u free gi prinibin ginasta para i PSS guatu gi minimum guaranteed gi kinsi (15%) put sientu. I pressures gi ottru obligasion siha gi durantin oran budget ha fa'tinas budget process political yan education needs anai siha ha na'famadesi ni atyu i process sin esti i maproponi na tinilaika.

Gi average, i bentsingku (25%) put sientu gi state revenues manmagasta gi K-12 na idukasion gi halum singkuenta (50) states yan i District of Columbia. I maproponi na tinilaika para u garentia i higher level na finondu para i CNMI PSS ki prisenti ni gaigi. Esti na inãomenta para u na'guaha i CNMI's education funding match ni magasta gi halum US.

I Konstitusion CNMI ha garentia i free public education. Gef bali para u guaha educated population para pattisipasion gi halum civic affairs yan i benifisiun henerat gi kumunida'. I ma'otdin na para bentsingku (25%) put sientu ni mafondu i sistemang idukasion siha inayuda umafakha' i constitutional promise yan ha prometi ladangkulu na opotunidad idukasion siha yan mas maolik na kualidat idukasion.

#### KINENTRA SIHA

I amendsasion ha pribi Legislative flexibility para u address i problema siha yan i budget appropriations. I Leyislatura para na'menus muna'guaha salappi' para i apropiasion siha gi ottru na funksion gubietnamentu siha. Pa'gu na ora, i Leyislatura siha na direct i otchentaisingku (85%) put sientu gi general revenues, masuhetu para ottru na constraints. Esti ha na'i i Leyislatura ni flexibility ni para u gasta i general revenues gi manera siha ni ha kunsidera humonhu' pat impottanti. Ya i tinilaika ginin i maproponi na amendsasion, i Leyislatura siha gumuaha ha' sitientaisingku (75%) put sientu gi general revenues ni para u na direct guatu gi ottru na funksion gubietnamentu siha.

Guaha ottru dipattamentun gubietnamentu siha pat aktibidat siha ni manmafondun para u fanmanai' ladiidid' na percentage ki hafa marisibibi pa'gu. An mahatsan i PSS funding siha chini'ut palu ottru ni manimpottanti yan nisisariu na governmentally-funded na cho'chu'. Yanggin i PSS debi na u chuli' i bentsingku (25%) put sientu gi general revenues, i Leyislatura siempre ha nisisita u hatsa taxes pat u aligao ottru manera siha ni para u hatsa i government revenues ni para u sustieni i current levels gi ginastan ottru manera siha.

I Leyislatura ha petmiti gi prisenti na para u fondu i PSS gi bentsingku (25%) put sientu pat mas yanggin ha disidi ni hafa para u cho'gui ni limited sources i CNMI. I constitutional amendment ti nisisariu para u sedi esti na u masusedi yanggin i malagu' i Leyislatura para u direct atyu na budget guatu gi PSS. Siha ha' ti u tunuk gi menus di kinsi (15%) put sientu.

#### HINICHUM

I maproponi na amendsasion kunsisti yan u achieve i infensiona-ña na hinangai para u mahatsa i sinupottan PSS yan u na'hulum kuntirbusion siha gi CNMI para K-12 na idukasion u parehu yan i gastun gi halum i 50 states gi USA. Solu, i hinastan PSS budget kumeke'ilekha na guaha ottru government-funded na aktibidat pat funksion para u risibi menus; i gubietnamentu para u hatsa mas revenues para u mantieni i prisenti na spending level para atyu i ottru aktibidat yan funksion siha.

### HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE 18-12 (Carolinian)

Mwoghutughutuhut yel nge e pommoli euw Constitutional Amendment ngali apilughutughut lapal Salaapi ye e bwe atotoolong rel Public School System (PSS). E bwe liwell sangi me rel 15% Guaranteed Annual Budget ngali 25% Guaranteed Annual Budget sangi general Revenue lol Commonwealth. Budgetary appropriation yel nge ese ayooro ngali mwoghutughutuhut rel re-programming.

Mwoghutughutuhut rel pommol initiative yel mge e new ayooro ngali Financial Support PSS me e bwe ngalleey CNMI Education salaapiyal me aweewel lapal salaapi kka re ayooro me akkaaw tee me lemelemil wol US.

#### ABWUNG

Liwell nge e bwe guarantee li bwe future Legislature re ssobw asossolatiw sangi 25% me rel PSS funding sangi general revenues. Ngare ese yoor constitutional amendment, E mmwel bwe Legislature re bwe ffeer mangemang lol tipeer bwe ayughuloghul igha re bwe issiis ngali PSS rel bwal lapal minimum guaranteed 15%. Eyoor tipetchowul ghal akkaaw mwoghutughutuhut ngare ghal otol kkapasal budget, mwoghutughutuhut budget eghi political nge e bwal tipetchow ngali mwoghutughutuhut Education ngare ese yoor pommol liwell kka.

Rel average, 25% rel state revenue nge re ghal yaaya ngali K-12 education sangi 50 states me District of Columbia. Pommol liwell nge e bwe guarantee igha e bwe lapal funding ngali CNMI PSS mmwal otol kkeey. E bwe aweewe lapalol me issiisil funding rel CNMI education me bwal US.

CNMI Constitution e guarantee li free public Education. Eghi lamalam bwe e bwe yoor education reer toulap bwe re bwe tuutal lol civic affairs me bwal school angangil rel allillisil lol tee. Rel mandate ngali 25% funded education system nge e pwal allillis rel constitutional promise me e bwe ngalleey aghaghatchul educational opportunities me e pwal yoorol lomwotal rel education.

#### TIPERAARA

Rel liwell yel nge e bwe ayooro lemelem sangi Legislative flexibility igha re bwe mwoghutuhutuhut problema rel budget appropriation. E bwe ghi sossol sangi salaapi kka e ghal ayoorolong ngali appropriation rel bwal akkaaw mwoghutughutuhut gobetnamento. Ighila, Legislature e mmwel re bwe ngalleey lol 85% sangi general revenues, kkapasal sangi bwal yal lemelem. E bwal ngalleey Legislature flexibility bwe re bwe yaaya general revenues rel meeta kka re mangi bwe eghi impotonti. Rel liwell sangi pommol mwoghutughutuhut re bwe liwell, e bwe ayooro ngali Legislature 75% me rel general funds bwe e bwe ngalleey lol bwal akkaaw kkapasal mwoghutughutuhut lol gobetnamento.

Bwal akkaaw bwulasiyo lol gobetnameento me ngare mwoghutughutuhut kka re bwal ghal ayooro salaapiyal nge re bwe bweibwogh eghu percent-age sangi meeta re kke bweibwogh ighila. Ngare re saraghita lapal PSS funding, nge e bwe bwal weires ngaliir bwal gobetnameento kka re bwal impotonti me angang kka re bwal governmentally-funded. Ngare PSS e bwughi 25% me rel general revenues, Legislature re bwe saraghita lapal taxes me ngare re bwe ghutta efaisul re bwe bwal saraghi bwal government revenues bwe re bwe aweeey lol schagh mwoghutughutuhut me igha re bwe bwal akkesche-long salaapi iye.

E yoor bwangil Legislature bwe re bwe ngalleey PSS funds rel 25% me ngare bwal lapalol ngare iyel mille re tipali rel meeta fischaliyal resources kka lol CNMI. Mille constitutional amendment nge ese bwal nesesooryo bwe e bwe bwunguloghutuhut ngare Legislature re tipali bwe ngalleey lapal budget ngali PSS. E ssobw bwal sossol lapal sangi 15%.

#### MWUTCHUL

Pommol liwell nge e bwe aweewe lol schagh rel me re bwe abwung rel mangemangil mwoghutughutuhut bwe re bwe ayooro lol allillis rel PSS me re bwe ngalleey CNMI contribution rel K-12 education rel aweewel mwoghutughutuhut salaapi sangi 50 states me rel USA. Nge, ngare PSS budget e bwe llangalo, weweel mille nge akkaaw government-funded activity me ngare functions, e bwe ghitihiit lol meeta re bwe bweibwogh me rel; Gobetnameento e bwe saraghi olongal revenues bwe le re bwe aweeey lol schagh salaapiyal me akkaaw activities me functions.



# Business

## Stock markets fall as anxiety abounds

By DON LEE, ANDREA CHANG  
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First it was fresh concerns about the fragile eurozone recovery. Then there was the sudden steep fall in oil prices. Now investors are worrying whether the American economy can pull up a slumping global economy.

And overlaying all these: fears about the spread of the deadly Ebola virus.

A weak monthly U.S. retail sales report magnified the angst Wednesday in European financial markets, setting off wild swings on Wall Street and fueling speculation that the Federal Reserve could delay its first interest rate increase or even reverse plans to



A zipper on the side of One Times Square announces a stock selloff on Wall Street in New York, Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014.

end its bond-buying stimulus program this month.

After plunging more than 450 points in midday trading, the

Dow Jones industrial average ended down 173.45, or nearly 1.1 percent, at 16,141.74.

It was the Dow's fifth straight day of losses as investors dumped stocks and raced to the safety of government bonds. The broader Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 0.8 percent. The blue-chip index has fallen in 10 of the last 12 days, wiping out its gains year to date.

But the Dow is still up more than 6 percent from a year ago and the S&P even more. Stocks appeared to be overdue for a correction — a 10 percent drop — especially after months of increases in unusually calm waters.

Meanwhile, the outlook for the U.S., European and global economies has changed little in recent weeks. The eurozone's stagnant economy looks a bit worse off than before, with Germany's engines weaker than expected, but no one was counting on a rapid recovery in the 18-nation single-currency market.

Crude oil prices have tumbled, but there are upsides to that for some nations and businesses, as well as for consumers who are seeing prices at the gasoline pumps fall.

As for the U.S. economy, the 0.3 percent drop in retail sales in September from the previous month, while disappointing, came after very strong auto sales over the summer.

What's more, with job gains running faster this year, most forecasts see the American economy growing at a healthy annual pace of about 3 percent in the second half of this year and through next year.

If the stock market swoon persists in the days ahead, some economists worry that it could undermine confidence and hurt spending and investment. It doesn't help that there are increasing concerns about Ebola and the ability of health authorities to halt the spread of the vi-

rus in the U.S.

Geopolitical tensions in Ukraine and the battle against Islamic militants have added to anxieties.

In addition, October historically has been very tough for stock markets.

On Oct. 29, the Fed will hold its next policy meeting. Further volatility in capital markets—stocks, oil prices and bond yields—could present a major challenge as financial stability is a key goal of the central bank.

Fed policymakers have relied on two extraordinary measures—monthly bond purchases and low benchmark Fed rates—to spur the economic recovery from the 2007-09 recession.

They previously indicated that they would end their bond-buying program this month, but some market players suspect that could now be put off, or even that a new round of bond purchases could be launched. And the markets have revised their bets that the first interest rate increase will come next June to December next year.

Besides the eurozone, China's economic growth and that of emerging economies in general is slowing. That explains part of the recent plunge in oil and some other commodity prices, which in turn has added to concerns about the possibility of falling prices, or deflation, in the eurozone.

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-15-001

### Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1, Songsong Village Rota, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced construction firms for Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1 in Songsong Village, Rota.

Contractor shall provide and pay for all the labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature and all other services and facilities necessary to execute, complete and deliver the work within the specified time frame.

A pre-proposal site visit is scheduled for 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 30, 2014 at the Rota power plant. All potential proposers are encouraged to attend, to familiarize themselves with the site conditions. However the site visit is not mandatory for the potential proposers, owing to the difficult logistics and uncertain air transport.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by November 7, 2014, 10:00 AM (ChST) to be considered.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP -15-001, Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than November 18, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST).**

The Proposer is required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – <https://marianaslabor.net/>.

A **Proposal Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 24, 2104 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Stipulated Order 2 Project Coordinator via email address [venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org](mailto:venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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# Nation

## 2nd nurse is positive for Ebola

**DALLAS (AP)**—The Ebola crisis in the U.S. took another alarming turn Wednesday with word that a second Dallas nurse caught the disease from a patient and flew across the Midwest on an airliner the day before she fell ill, even though government guidelines should have kept her off the plane.

Amid growing concern, President Barack Obama canceled a campaign trip to address the outbreak and vowed that his administration would respond in a “much more aggressive way” to Ebola cases in the United States.

Though it was not clear how the nurse contracted the virus, the case represented the latest instance in which the disease that has ravaged one of the poorest corners of the earth—West Africa—also managed to find weak spots in one of the world’s most advanced medical systems.

The second nurse was identified as 29-year-old Amber Joy Vinson. Medical records provided to The Associated Press by Thomas Eric Duncan’s family showed she inserted catheters, drew blood and dealt with Duncan’s body fluids.

Duncan, who was diagnosed with Ebola after coming to the U.S. from Liberia, died Oct. 8.

Kent State University in Ohio, where three of Vinson’s relatives work, confirmed she was the latest patient.

Even though the nurse did not report having a fever until Tues-

### Texas nurse’s trip

*Amber Vinson, 29, the second Texas nurse who has contracted Ebola, flew on a commercial flight from Ohio to Dallas on Monday.*



- 1 Oct 8:** Vinson flew to Cleveland and visited family in Akron, Ohio.
  - 2 Oct 13:** Vinson flew to Dallas/Fort Worth on Frontier Airlines flight 1143 with 132 passengers. The flight landed at 8:16 p.m. Central.
  - 3 Oct 14:** The plane was flown back to Cleveland and then to Fort Lauderdale, back to Cleveland and then to Atlanta and finally back again to Cleveland.
- Oct 15:** Frontier removed the aircraft from service.

Source: CDC, Reuters  
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day, the day after she returned home, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said she should not have boarded a commercial flight.

The nurse also knew before heading home that another

nurse, Nina Pham, had been diagnosed with Ebola, and she had a slightly elevated temperature—99.5 degrees, according to government officials.

While in Cleveland, she was contacted by health officials and told that her health would need to be more closely monitored for Ebola, the CDC said. Agency spokesman David Daigle said Wednesday evening that Vinson spoke to a CDC official before she boarded a plane back to Dallas, reporting her temperature was below 100.4 degrees and that she had no symptoms.

## Gay marriage arrives in conservative Idaho

**BOISE, Idaho (AP)**—Gay couples started to marry in one of the most conservative states in the nation Wednesday as more than 100 same-sex couples gathered early at the Boise courthouse and counted down the seconds before the clerk’s office opened.

The couples cheered and streamed inside at 9 a.m. as Idaho became the latest state to recognize gay marriages in a burst of court rulings nationwide.

“It’s been such a long time coming,” Councilwoman Maryanne Jordan said. “It’s a historic day for Boise and Idaho.”

Jordan officiated the marriages of four of the eight women who sued over Idaho’s gay marriage ban and were the first to get licenses in the state’s most populous county.

A crowd sang out “here comes the brides” as Rachael and Amber Beierle and Shelia Robertson and Andrea Altmayer headed toward City Hall.

Idaho Gov. Butch Otter and Attorney General Lawrence Wasden didn’t issue new statements Wednesday, but both Republicans had fought to maintain the state’s gay marriage ban,

saying it was a matter of state’s rights and the will of voters.

The weddings came a day after Otter and Wasden ended their opposition to a ruling from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that ordered the state to allow gay couples to wed. They said they had done all they could to fight the case in court, but Otter reaffirmed his support late Tuesday for Idaho’s 2006 constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman.

“I’m not going to give up on it,” he said. “I’m going to keep on defending it.”

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**NOTICE OF MEETING  
OF THE  
DCRM AGENCY OFFICIALS**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a DCRM Agency Officials Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at 10:00 A.M. at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality Office, 3rd floor of the GRC Building located in Gualo Rai, Saipan.

**AGENDA**

- PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
  - Call to Order
  - Roll Call
- PERMIT APPLICATION**  
Proposed Tinian Municipal Transfer Station – Request to amend the Tinian Landfill DCRM Permit No. TMS-2009-X-080 to include the Tinian Municipal Transfer Station
  - Project Summary
  - Discussion by DCRM Agencies/DCRM
  - Project Status
- OTHER MATTERS**
- ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Agencies may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ **FRANCES A. CASTRO**  
Director, DCRM

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
**AGRICULTURE**

**Loss Adjuster**

The USDA, Farm Service Agency is accepting applications for two (2) Loss Adjuster positions - one (1) on Rota and one (1) on Saipan. Applicants **MUST** have experience in Tropical Agriculture. A Loss Adjuster is an independent contractor who will visit farms for the purpose of inspecting, measuring, and appraising agricultural crops. A Loss Adjuster will also ensure compliance with acreage and production reporting requirements. Training will be provided. Pay begins at \$10.00 per hour for orientation, formal classroom, and on the job training. Pay will increase to \$18.00 per hour after successful completion and certification. Authorized travel expenses for training will be paid.

Interested applicants may inquire with the Guam County FSA Office at (671) 300-8551. Completed applications must be submitted by close of business October 22, 2014 to the Guam County FSA Office, 770 E. Sunset Blvd., Suite 265, Barrigada, Guam 96913. Fax: (855) 356-9491.

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## FBI: Body exhumed is not most wanted fugitive

**BALTIMORE (AP)**—An unidentified body exhumed in Alabama is not the man accused of using a sledgehammer to kill his family in Maryland in 1976, the FBI said Wednesday.

The FBI had said photos of the unidentified hitchhiker who was killed in a hit-and-run looked like William Bradford “Brad” Bishop Jr., but using DNA, agency scientists determined it was not him, spokeswoman Amy Thoreson said in an email.

Bishop was accused of killing his wife, mother and three sons in their Bethesda, Maryland, home in 1976. Authorities later found the bodies burned in North Carolina and Bishop’s station wagon in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park south of Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Last year, a Scottsboro, Alabama, police officer began a campaign to publicize the hit-and-run cold case, resulting in a story in the local newspaper. The FBI also renewed its investigation into the disappearance of Bishop. He was added to the FBI’s Ten Most Wanted List in April and his case was featured on the CNN program “The Hunt with John Walsh.”

Scottsboro resident Jeremy Collins saw the program and noticed similarities between

Bishop’s picture and the hitchhiker’s photo. He called police and the body was exhumed.

Thoreson said she did not know if the FBI had identified the body.

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE  
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JOY MALLICK Petitioner,	] FCD-DI ] CIVIL ACTION ] NO. 14-0417
vs.	]
RAYNA FRANCES S. MALLICK	]
Respondent,	]

**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is PMB 1192 P.O. Box 10003, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2014

/s/ Clerk of Court

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Asia

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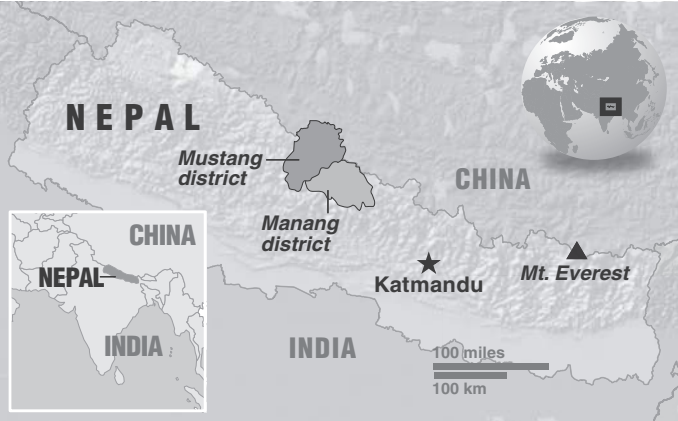
KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Nepal army rescuers in helicopters spotted eight more bodies of trekkers along a mountain trail that was buried in avalanches and blizzards, raising the death toll to 21, while five more climbers were missing on another mountain, officials said Thursday.

Improving weather conditions allowed rescue workers to recover the bodies of four trekkers—two Poles, an Israeli and a Nepali—from the Thorong La pass area on the Annapurna Circuit trekking trail on Wednesday, a day after they were caught in a blizzard.

In neighboring Manang district, an avalanche on Wednesday killed an Indian and four Cana-

21 dead in Nepal blizzards

The death toll from a snow storm in Nepal reached 21 on Wednesday. 16 people, including 7 trekkers, were trapped in heavy snowfall as they returned from the Thorung La mountain pass on the Annapurna Circuit, in Mustang district. Five more bodies were recovered in Manang district.



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dian trekkers in Phu village, said government official Devendra Lamichane. Digging out the bodies would take days, he said.

The other dead included

three villagers in the same district, about 160 kilometers (100 miles) northwest of the capital, Katmandu, whose bodies were recovered Wednesday.

Separately, five trekkers were missing after an avalanche hit Mount Dhaulagiri as climbers at

the base camp were preparing to scale the 8,167-meter (26,800-foot) -high peak, the world's seventh tallest. Two of the missing climbers are from Slovakia and three are Nepalese guides, said Gyanendra Shrestha of Nepal's mountaineering department.

Philippine police accuse US Marine in murder case

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine police filed a murder complaint Wednesday against a U.S. Marine accused of killing a transgender Filipino, in an emotional case expected to test the country's military ties with the United States.

Police Chief Inspector Gil Domingo said Marine Pfc. Joseph Scott Pemberton was the last person seen with the victim late Saturday, when they checked into a motel after meet-

ing in a bar in Olongapo city northwest of Manila.

Jennifer Laude, whose former name was Jeffrey, was found with her head resting on the motel room's toilet bowl, apparently after being drowned, Domingo said. The criminal complaint was filed with prosecutors, who will decide formal charges. There was no immediate comment from the U.S. Embassy.

A number of witnesses told investigators they saw Laude,

26, and Pemberton at the bar and at the motel, where the Marine was seen leaving shortly before the victim was found dead, Domingo said.

Police suspect Pemberton may have been angered when he discovered in the motel room that Laude was a transgender individual or because of an argument sparked by other reasons. Laude had not undergone gender reassignment surgery, Domingo said.

Hong Kong police hold back from removing barriers

HONG KONG (AP)—Police briefly scuffled with protesters camped out in Hong Kong's streets early Thursday, but held back from dismantling barricades erected by the activists pushing for greater democracy in the Chinese territory.

Public anger simmered over video showing police kicking a handcuffed protester on Wednesday night, an incident that happened when police charged the mostly student dem-


onstrators occupying a highway underpass, using pepper spray and dragging dozens away.

Police used pepper spray again after midnight Thursday to push back crowds trying to occupy a road outside the government's headquarters. Police said two protesters were arrested, one for kicking a bottle at a private car and one for assaulting police, and three officers were injured.

The police beating appeared to mark a change in mood for

many protesters.

"I used to say at every rally that frontline police officers were just following orders. We shouldn't hurt frontline officers because we were angry or because we blamed them. Frontline officers were just doing their jobs," Joshua Wong, the 18-year old leader of Scholarism, one of three main groups leading the protests, told a rally Wednesday evening at the main protest zone in Admiralty.



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The proposed agreement is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

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Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: October 9, 2014



## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

### BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIREFIGHTING (ARFF) BUILDING ROOF LEAK REPAIRS AIP NO. 3-69-0003-23



The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the repair of the roof leaks of the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Building at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, October 24, 2014, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island - (25 points);
- A/E Design experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) - (25 points);
- Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA and AIP grants - (15 points);
- The general reputation of the Consultant in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the Consultant's professional integrity and competence - (15 points);
- Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
- Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal - (10 points).

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, November 14, 2014**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all travel costs and taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:

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/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI  
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: October 8, 2014



World

Ebola escalation could trigger food crisis

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The global famine warning system is predicting a major food crisis if the Ebola outbreak continues to grow exponentially over the coming months, and the United Nations still hasn’t reached over 750,000 people in need of food in West Africa as prices spiral and farms are abandoned.

On the eve of World Food Day on Thursday, U.N agencies and non-governmental organizations are scrambling to scale up efforts to avert widespread hunger.

“The world is mobilizing and we need to reach the smallest villages in the most remote locations,” Denise Brown, the U.N. World Food Program’s regional director for West Africa, said in a statement Wednesday. “Indications are that things will get worse before they improve. How much worse depends on us all.”

WFP has said it needs to reach 1.3 million people in need in hardest-hit Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

So far, the U.N. agency has provided food to 534,000 people, and it expects to reach between 600,000 and 700,000 this month, Bettina Luescher, WFP’s chief spokesperson in North America, told AP. “And we are working hard to reach and scale up to 1.3 million eventually.”

WFP is providing food to patients in Ebola treatment centers, survivors of the virus who have been discharged, and communities which have been quarantined or have seen widespread transmission, including the families of those affected. It is also helping with logistics and is managing the U.N. Humanitarian Air Service between the three affected countries and nearby Dakar, Senegal and Accra, Ghana to help humanitarian workers

rapidly deploy to the field.

“We are assessing how families are coping as the virus keeps spreading,” Luescher said. “We expect to have a better understanding of the impact of the Ebola outbreak on food availability and farming activities by the end of October.”

WFP said its first survey using mobile telephones showed that people living in the Kailahun and Kenema districts of Sierra Leone—where most Ebola cases have been reported—are finding it harder to feed their families than people in other parts of the country and are resorting to more desperate measures to cope. More than 80 percent of people in those areas said they ate less expensive food, and 75 percent reported that they have reduced the number of daily meals and were serving smaller portions.


WORLD BRIEFS

Syrian Kurds press hundreds of young men into army

BEIRUT (AP)—Police in Syria’s beleaguered self-ruled Kurdish areas have rounded up hundreds of young men to press them into military service recently made compulsory, activists and Kurdish officials say. The unprecedented move, criticized by human rights groups, underlines the desperation of Syria’s Kurds as they fight off an onslaught by the Islamic State extremist group in Kobani, a town near the Turkish border. More than 550 people have been killed since the group began its offensive on the Kurdish town in mid-September, and the fighting has forced more than 200,000 people to flee into Turkey. The extremists have now seized a third of Kobani, closing in on positions held by the main Kurdish militia—the People’s Protection Units, or YPG.

Egypt warplanes hit Libya militias, officials say

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP)—Egypt deepened its involvement in the fight against Islamist militias who have taken over key parts of Libya on Wednesday, with officials saying Egyptian warplanes have bombed their positions in the eastern city of Benghazi. The two officials, who have firsthand knowledge of the operation, said the use of the aircraft was part of an Egyptian-led campaign against the militiamen that will eventually involve Libyan ground troops recently trained by Egyptian forces. The operation, they said, was requested by the internationally recognized Libyan administration based in the eastern city of Tobruk. That elected administration was thrown out of the capital, Tripoli, by rival militias allied with Islamic political factions.



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SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE** to the **BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP No. 3-69-0003-22**, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, PO Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *“Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0003-22”*, and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., October 31, 2014**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

A CD-Rom containing the contract documents including specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier’s check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. *Those bidders that picked up a CD from the August 22, 2014 advertisement need not submit payment for the new CD. However, a copy of the receipt should be presented before acquiring new CD.*

The procurement is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (360) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)** shall be assessed the awarded bidder for each calendar day the completion of the delivery is delayed beyond the completion date without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be “responsive or responsible”, their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, October 17, 2014**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier’s check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the “Bidder’s Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause”, a “Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities”, and the “Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation”, and all other required forms and information as required, stipulated and contained in the bid proposal documents and specifications, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

The proposed agreement is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A bidder having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI  
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: October 9, 2014



# Off The Wall

## Illinois pet dubbed world's tallest cow

**ORANGEVILLE, Ill. (AP)**—A 6-foot-4-inch cow owned by an Illinois woman was recently dubbed the world's tallest.

Patty Hanson and Blossom the cow smiled for their official Guinness World Records photo shoot Monday.

Hanson received an email in mid-August saying Blossom had been named the world's tallest cow. She sought the record after veterinarians and the cow's foot trimmer constantly noted

the 2,000-pound animal's large size, Hanson said. At the end of May, family and friends began documenting Blossom's mass through photos and videos. Her official measurements were taken by a vet from Orangeville Animal Health Service.

"When I put Blossom's halter on, she knows it's time to go to work greeting people, and one of the best things I love about this big cow is she makes people smile. But now when I get to

tell them they are looking at the world's tallest cow, I can't wait to see their reaction," Hanson said.

Hanson got Blossom when she was a calf and eventually decided to keep her as a pet. She turned 13 in July.

"My dad used to chuckle at Blossom, but soon softened up to her, which is why she stayed home on the farm as an addition to the many pets—she adds character," Hanson said.

Hanson said she wants to turn

Blossom's story into a children's book someday.

"Blossom is a bit like an overgrown dog," Hanson said. "To people who have cows, they will get what I am saying, but I want other people to know she is special. I told my dad years ago that Blossom was destined for stardom, and with this record she has achieved that."

Blossom will be included in the 2016 edition of the "Guinness Book of World Records."



In this Oct. 13, 2014 photo, Patty Hanson is all smiles for the camera as she holds onto her Holstein cow Blossom while photographers from the Guinness World Records in London, England document the world's tallest cow for the 2016 book of world records, in Orangeville Ill.

### OFFBEAT BRIEFS

#### Police: Drunken Santa zombie enters St. Paul home

**ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)**—Police have cited a 21-year-old man they say entered a St. Paul home drunk and dressed as a Santa Claus zombie, terrifying a 16-year-old girl who locked herself in a bathroom. St. Paul police said Monday the University of St. Thomas student was cited for trespassing and taken to a detoxification center Saturday. Police found him asleep in the house hours after a Zombie Pub Crawl in Minneapolis. Neighbor and Ramsey County Judge Margaret Marrinan tells the St. Paul Pioneer Press a 14-year-old boy fled from the house and called for help when he discovered the intruder. She says his 16-year-old sister locked herself in a bathroom to call their parents. The teens' father said that no one in his family "will ever think of Santa the same way."

#### Dream beach house built on wrong lot

**HAMMOCK DUNES, Fla. (AP)**—A dream beach house in Florida has turned into a nightmare for a Missouri couple. Six months after the custom house was built along the Atlantic Ocean near Palm Coast, Mark and Brenda Voss learned it's on the wrong lot in the gated Ocean

Hammock community. Mark Voss tells the Daytona Beach News Journal they're in "total disbelief." The couple own 18 other residential lots in the community. They bought the lot in question in 2012 and hired Keystone Homes to build a three-story, 5,000-square-foot vacation rental. But it was instead built on the lot next door, which is owned by a North Carolina couple. The Vosses hired a lawyer, and Keystone vice president Robbie Richmond says the company is trying to negotiate a settlement between the lot owners and other parties.

#### Police: Suspect chased through Chicago Marathon

**CHICAGO (AP)**—Authorities say a wanted man attempted to flee pursuing officers by blending into the sea of Chicago Marathon runners. WLS-TV reports police say Bryan Duffy of Chicago ran from officers Sunday after they approached him. Police say the 29-year-old man jumped into a group of marathon runners in hopes he could make an escape. But police were ultimately able to tackle and arrest Duffy. Police say the man was carrying 10 capsules of MDMA, also known as Molly or ecstasy.

### In Celebration of Her New Life

## † Carmen Camacho Wesley Hamilton

August 06, 1925 – October 11, 2014

#### In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:

**Husband:** YNC USN RET †Wilburn Chandler Hamilton

**Parents:** †Jose Gumataotao Wesley & †Maria Palacios Camacho

**Brothers, Sisters and in-laws:** †Pedro C. Wesley, †Francisca W./†Jesus A. Torres, †Teodocio C. Wesley, †Nieves W./†Jesus D. Muna

**Son:** † Paul Chandler W. Hamilton

**Great grand daughter:** †Rica Hamilton

#### Her Memories Will Forever Live in the Hearts of Her Children and Family:

† **Paul Chandler W. & Thelma M. Hamilton** (Myra Pauline Hamilton / Jeffrey Heston – Joshua, Chad, Sterling, Zachary, Jessica), Retta Sue Hamilton & Jesse Torres, Dora Mae Hamilton (Dexter, Juan Jr.), Paula Jane Hamilton (Rica, Renae (Adella Shavonne), Juan II, Reian, Paris), Joanne Marie Hamilton & Peter Aldan (Brittney, Jacob, Tiana, Ava), Michelle Hamilton / Jeffrey Tomokane (Brandon, Abbigele, Ethan), Anthony Chandler Hamilton, John Chandler Hamilton & Charing Reyes (Jeremiah Paul, Madision Auria), Matthew Chandler Hamilton

**Nadine H. & Henry I. Sablan** (Rico Chandler Hamilton & Jade Sablan- ( Rylan Chandler Hamilton, Aiden Sawada, Ariana Sawada), Barbara Jeanne H. Sablan, Diana Christine H. Sablan, Sharlene Denise S. & William Sakisat (Robert William, Wesley Andrew, Gregory Kachuma, Amanda Marie & Andrew Wilkes), Loanalyn Rose Sablan ( Laealdrie)

**Betty Jane H. & Michael S. Johnson** (Katy Marie, Sarah Elizabeth, Andrew Scott)

**Ruby Jean H. & Rick Northen** ( Opal Leean, Ashley Raine)

Mass of Intentions are being celebrated each morning at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00am.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, October 20, 2014. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30am to Kristo Rai Church. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:30am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am. Interment Services will be held at the CNMI Veterans Cemetery in Marpi, Saipan where she will be at a peaceful rest joining her late husband, YNC USN RET †Wilburn Chandler Hamilton who will be reinterred on the same day.

Please join us in prayers

Children and family of the late

†Wilburn Chandler Hamilton & †Carmen Camacho Wesley Hamilton





# Science & Technology

## Google tries to upstage Apple with latest devices

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Google is coming out with bigger, more expensive versions of its Nexus phone and tablet to attract more of the affluent consumers who faithfully buy each new generation of Apple’s iPhone and iPad. It’s also releas-

ing a new streaming video and music device, Nexus Player, to compete with Apple TV and Roku, among others. The new lineup announced Wednesday is Google’s latest volley in its duel with Apple in the increasingly impor-

tant mobile device market. Google’s Android software and Apple’s iOS software power most of the world’s smartphones and tablets. The Nexus products, which will hit store shelves in November, also will compete

against a variety of other phones and tablets that run on the free Android software, including popular devices made by Samsung Electronics. Both of the Nexus devices will run on a new version of Google’s Android operating system. The latest software is called “Lollipop” in keeping with Google’s tradition of naming its Android upgrades after treats. Google’s product unveiling came on the eve of a Thursday event where Apple Inc. is widely expected to update the trend-setting iPad that has defined the tablet market since its 2010 release.

The latest Nexus 9 tablet, made



This product image provided by Google shows the Nexus 9 tablet. **AP**  
by HTC, features a nearly 9-inch screen—two inches larger than the previous version. The device

also will cost considerably more, with prices for the Nexus 9 starting at \$399—74 percent more than its predecessor. That’s still \$100 less than the starting price for the current iPad Air, which has a nearly 10-inch screen. The new smartphone, called the Nexus 6, boasts a nearly 6-inch screen, eclipsing the 5.5-inch display on the iPhone 6 Plus that Apple began selling last month. Google is charging a comparable price for the Nexus 6, with prices beginning at \$649 for a phone without a wireless contract commitment. That’s \$300 more than the previous generation, a Nexus 5 with a roughly 5-inch screen.

### TECH Q&A

#### Are Apple apps stored in the cloud or iCloud?

By **STEVE ALEXANDER**  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**Q: When Apple introduced its iOS 8 operating system in September, I think it caused problems on my iPad. I need to delete two apps whose files are corrupted, but I can’t get rid of them.**  
**When I delete the apps from my iPad, I believe they are sent to the iTunes cloud. Then, when I go to the iTunes App Store to reload new copies of the apps, I see the cloud symbol next to them. If I download them, I think I’m getting my corrupted files back. How do I delete these apps?**  
**A:** What you’ve described is not what happens when you delete iPad apps. But, in your defense, a lot of consumers are confused about the role of the

“cloud” and Apple has added to the confusion by using similar cloud icons that have different meanings. The App Store uses an icon of a cloud with an arrow jutting downward to identify apps you’ve previously purchased that you can download again at no additional cost. Separately, Apple’s iCloud service uses an icon of a cloud without an arrow to signify storing consumer data online. When you deleted the two potentially corrupted apps from your iPad, they were eliminated, not saved to iCloud. When you download those apps again, you got new versions from the App Store, not old versions from iCloud. You successfully deleted the corrupted apps, so any remaining iPad problems have a different cause. Fortunately, there are some easy ways to fix most


iPad problems without disturbing your apps or data. First try a system reset. Press the power button at the top right of the iPad and the home button below the center of the screen at the same time. Wait for the screen to go dark or for the Apple logo to appear, then release the buttons. The reset only takes a couple of minutes. You can also do a system restore. Start up iTunes on your computer, then connect the iPad to the computer via USB cord. When the iPad icon appears in the iTunes menu, click on it to bring up the iPad menu, then choose the “summary” tab. At the bottom right of the resulting menu, click the “back up now” button for manual iPad backup onto the computer. After that’s completed, click the “restore backup” button. The backup and restore process takes about 20 minutes.

## Twitter to be used for payments in France

**PARIS (AP)**—Did someone spot you money for lunch two weeks ago? In France, Twitter users can now publicly repay debts, donate to charity or chip in for a gift with a new payment service backed by the country’s second-largest banking service. Group BPCE, which includes Banque Populaire and Caisses d’Epargne, announced the service—called S-money—on Tuesday. Users tweet a payment request to S-money, which then requires an authentication code

before sending the amount—and a tweet to the destination confirming the payment for all the world to see. “We think that this is quite interesting for the Twitter user to be able to communicate the financial transactions that he has made,” said Armand Dos Santos, chief technical officer for S-money. The service only works between people who have French bank cards and cell phone numbers, in a country that prizes discretion for personal spend-

ing. Transactions are limited to 250 euros when paying a Twitter user and 500 euros when sending money to charities or crowd-funding. “It happens to everybody ... you don’t have cash to pay a babysitter. If she has an S-money account, it will be easy to exchange with her and pay her with a simple tweet,” said Olivier Gonzalez, CEO of Twitter France. Only, that is, if you and the babysitter want everyone to know the going rate.



### In Celebration of Her New Life

# † Dolores Cruz Celis

(Doris Bisco) August 22, 1947– October 11, 2014

*In Her New Life, She Now Joins:*

**Father** : †Juan SP. Cruz  
**Mother** : †Magdalena T. Cruz  
**Father in-law** : †Francisco R. Celis  
**Mother in-law** : †Francisca S. Celis

**Sisters, Brothers, and In-laws** : †Magdalena/Vicente Lizama, †Carmen A. Cruz, †Juana/Pedro Calvo, †Ignacio/Antonia Cruz, †Ignacio/Josephina Ada

**Nephews** : †Herman S. Cruz, †Anthony C. Calvo  
**Grandchildren** : †Joshua Ike N. Celis, †Jonathan Melil C. Ngirausui, †Natalie Carmen C. Ngirausui

**Brother:** Juan T. Cruz/Trisha C. Camacho  
**Grand daughters & Family:** Camielle S. Celis/Collin Duenas, Nicolette Nadine C. Ngirausui, Natasha C. Ngirausui

Her Memories Will Forever Live in the Hearts of her:  
**Husband:** Ignacio Sablan Celis  
**Children and Spouse:** Clarinda/Melil Ngirausui, Frank C. Celis

**Brother and Sister in laws:** Consuelo C. Perez (†Juan Perez), Maria T. Pangelinan (†Pedro Pangelinan), Magdalena C. Sutton (†William Sutton), Rita C. and Donald Harms, David S. and Mathilde Celis, Ana C. Celis (†Daniel S. Celis)

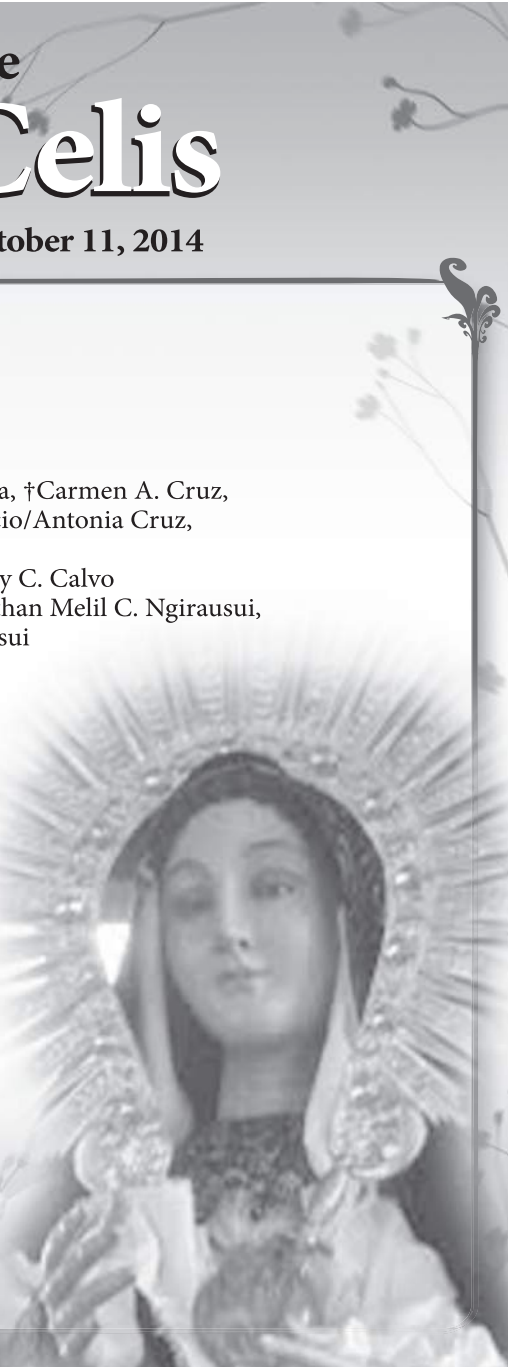
Mass of Intentions are being celebrated each evening at 6:00pm at Santa Soledad Church in Kagman.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30am to OL Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:30am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am. Interment Services will be held at the CNMI Veteran’s Cemetery in Marpi, Saipan where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers

*Ignacio Sablan Celis, Children and Families*





# Life & Style

## HBO Go-ing away from cable, will stand on its own

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Next year HBO is cutting the cord and selling its popular streaming video service HBO Go as a stand-alone product, as more Americans choose to watch the Web, not the TV. Viewers longing to see “Game of Thrones,” “True Detective” and “Veep” will no longer have to pay big bucks for cable and satellite contracts. So, is this the end of pay-TV as we know it?

“HBO and ESPN are the two main reasons why people have cable and satellite TV,” says Forrester analyst James McQuivey. “The whole industry has eyed them for years nervous that one day they would decide to do exactly what (HBO) said they’ll do in 2015. We don’t know until we see pricing and packaging how rapidly this will force a change in the way pay TV operators work, but it will definitely force a change.”

Millions already have cancelled pay-TV subscriptions—up to 10 million U.S. households are currently broadband-only. And about 45 percent of Americans stream television shows at least once a month, according to research firm eMarketer. That number is expected to increase to 53 percent or 175 million people by 2018, it says.

Video streamers aren’t falling behind on entertainment—so-called “cord-cutters” watched about 100 hours of video per month during the first half of this year, estimates the Internet research firm Sandvine. The trend accelerated as Netflix Inc.’s Internet video service expanded into original program-



This file publicity image released by HBO shows Emilia Clarke as Daenerys Targaryen in a scene from “Game of Thrones.”

AP

ming and bought the rights to show popular cable network shows such as “Breaking Bad” and “American Horror Story.” Netflix’s 36 million U.S. subscribers now watch about 100 minutes of Internet video each

day, calculates BTIG Research analyst Rich Greenfield, based on Netflix disclosures about its customers’ overall viewership patterns. Netflix-watching accounts for about one-third of U.S. Internet traffic in the eve-

ning, according to Sandvine.

Amazon.com Inc., Yahoo Inc. and Google’s YouTube also offer Internet-only series as alternatives to pay TV.

“Internet TV is going to be everything in a couple years,”

Netflix CEO Reed Hastings told analysts during a Wednesday review of his company’s third-quarter earnings.

Parris Lilly, 40, a network engineer for a software company

in Temecula, California, currently pays \$180 a month for Verizon’s FiOS bundle of Internet access, phone and cable TV service. But that could change when the new HBO option debuts. Lilly estimates that if he goes streaming-only he could slash his monthly bill by \$100.

“I’ve been wanting to cut the cord for a few years now but with a wife and three small children, I’ve been hesitant due to a lack of content that the whole house could enjoy,” he said. “With the rise of Netflix, Hulu and Amazon I’ve been very close to pulling the trigger, and now with HBO offering a cable-free service the time seems right to do it.”

Jasmine Chan, 26, a marketing manager in Washington, D.C., said she and her boyfriend already use streaming services like Hulu Plus and Amazon Prime. “With this announcement, we’ll probably be canceling our cable TV service and stick with just Internet,” Chan said.

HBO has about 30.4 million subscribers according to research firm SNL Kagan. HBO CEO Richard Plepler said Wednesday that the network’s move is aimed at targeting the 80 million homes in the U.S. that do not have HBO but may want access to its content—and especially those broadband-only homes.

## New investigation opened into ‘7th Heaven’ actor

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Veteran television actor Stephen Collins is being investigated by Los Angeles sheriff’s detectives after a woman reported the former “7th Heaven” star exposed himself to her in the early 1980s.

The department on Wednesday confirmed it opened an investigation on Oct. 9 after the woman reported the incident to authorities. The alleged victim was 13 years old when she claims Collins exposed himself to her in West Hollywood, California, in 1983.

Special Victims Unit detectives are investigating the actor for indecent exposure and whether he annoyed or molested a child, the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department said in a news release.

Collins’ attorney, Mark Vincent Kaplan, did not immediately return phone or email messages. Collins, 67, has not been charged in Los Angeles or New York.

The woman reported the incident two days after New York police confirmed they had an open investigation into decades-old allegations that Collins mo-

lested a family acquaintance in Manhattan in the early 1970s. The revelation came after celebrity news site TMZ disclosed the investigation.

Faye Grant included allegations that her husband molested underage girls in court filings in their ongoing divorce. Collins filed to divorce his wife in 2012, and a trial to divide the pair’s assets is scheduled for next month.

Within hours of TMZ posting its story, two networks announced they were canceling scheduled re-runs of “7th Heaven,” and Collins lost roles in the upcoming film “Ted 2” and this season of the ABC series “Scandal.”

Grant wrote in a sworn court declaration in Los Angeles last year that her husband had disclosed he molested at least three young girls. She wrote that she reported the alleged abuse to Los Angeles police, who have said they are not actively investigating the actor.

“Stephen admitted that he has engaged in a long-term pattern of sexually abusing minor children, including sexually molesting three young girls over a

decade ago,” Grant wrote in the sworn declaration, which was filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court in November.

Kaplan, Collins’ attorney, has declined to discuss specifics about the claims, but he has described the accusations as an attempt by Grant to obtain a more favorable settlement of the couple’s divorce. The filings do not include a denial of the molestation allegations, but attack Grant’s use of them as “an attempt to extort concessions in settlement” from Collins.

Grant said in a statement last week that was not trying to obtain an undue advantage in the divorce proceedings. “This is a deeply sad situation for everyone involved,” Grant wrote. “With regard to the divorce proceedings, I am seeking no more than that to which I am legally entitled under the laws of the State of California.”

Collins has worked steadily in television and movie roles since the early 1970s, with appearances in movies such as “All the President’s Men,” “Star Trek: The Motion Picture,” and recurring roles on series such as “No Ordinary Family,” “Revolution” and “Devious Maids” after “7th Heaven” concluded its 11-season run in 2007.

## ‘Annie’ star Wallis hopes to become a veterinarian

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Quvenzhané Wallis says she took singing lessons to prepare for the lead role in a new version of “Annie,” opening in theaters in December.

Quvenzhané, who was nominated for a best-actress Oscar when she was 9 for her role in “Beasts of the Southern Wild,” said she’s always listened to music, especially while on her way to her brothers’ basketball games.

“My vocal chords got better as I sang in the car, and when I (took) singing lessons, they got even better,” the 11-year-old Quvenzhané said in a recent interview.

The movie also stars Jamie Foxx, Cameron Diaz and Rose Byrne. Producers include Will Smith, Jada Pinkett-Smith and Jay Z.

In this contemporized adaptation of the Broadway musical and the “Little Orphan Annie” comic strip, Annie lives in a foster home instead of an orphanage, “and there are cellphones,” Quvenzhané said.

One thing hasn’t changed: the presence of Annie’s loyal companion, a mutt named Sandy.

“Of course we have a Sandy.

There’s no ‘Annie’ without a Sandy. We have a little doggie named Marti who is a rescue dog. She’s really cute,” Quvenzhané said.

Quvenzhané carried a puppy purse when she walked various red carpets to promote “Beasts of the Southern Wild.” (She is one of the youngest Oscar-nominated actors ever.)

Now her 8-year-old Yorkie, Sammie, accompanies her wherever she goes. She

has another dog, Shuga, who is too big to travel.

Quvenzhané said she helps care for her dogs by feeding them and making sure they have fresh water. She wants to encourage kids to “always be there” for their pets because “they’re, of course, your best friend.”

She hopes to become a veterinarian.

Quvenzhané wrote the foreword to a new book “My Very, Very Busy Day,” the story of a dog and a cat, designed to teach kids about the responsibilities that come with having a pet. The book is available at Banfield Pet Hospitals, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to pets in need.

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# Neil Patrick Harris says he'll host Oscars in 2015

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Neil Patrick Harris is going for an awards-show trifecta, set to host the 2015 Oscars after four hosting stints at Broadway's Tony Awards and two at TV's Primetime Emmy Awards.

"To be asked to follow in the footsteps of Johnny Carson, Billy Crystal, Ellen DeGeneres, and everyone else who had the great fortune of hosting is a bucket list dream come true," Harris said in a statement Wednesday released by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

The 41-year-old entertainer announced his Oscar gig online Wednesday. He posted a video on Twitter of him on the phone saying, "I'm in," then showing a close-up of his bucket list and circling "Host the Oscars."

Academy Awards co-producer Neil Meron confirmed the casting on Twitter. He and co-producer Craig Zadan said they've known Harris "his entire adult life."

"We have watched him explode as a great performer in feature films, television and

stage," the producing pair said in the academy statement. "To work with him on the Oscars is the perfect storm, all of his resources and talent coming together on a global stage."

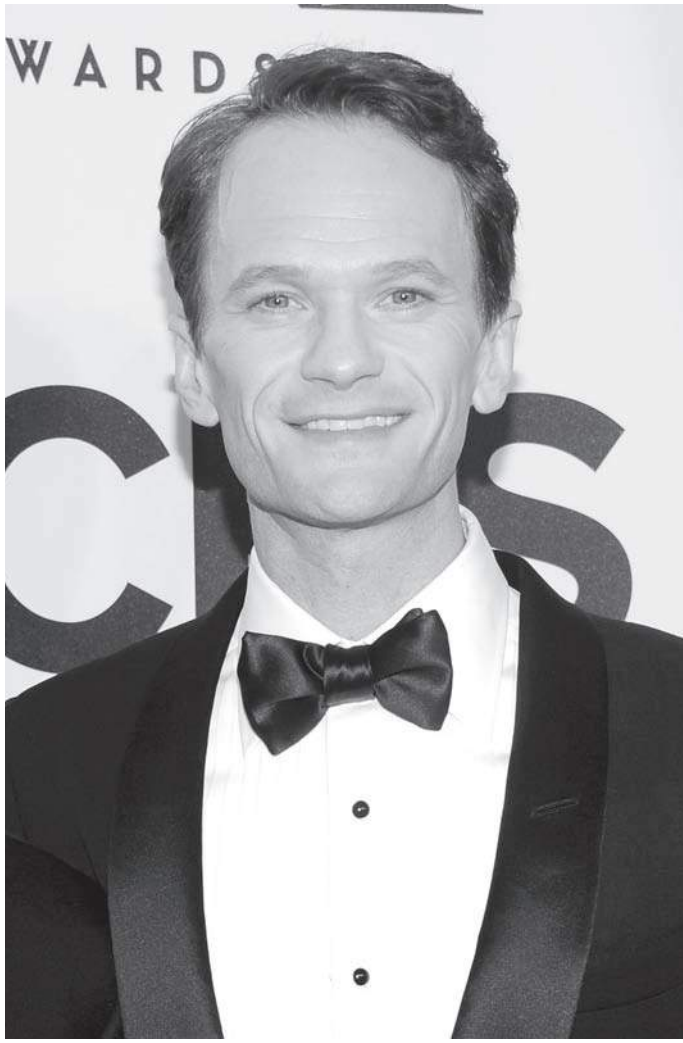
Academy president Cheryl Boone Isaacs called Harris "the consummate entertainer."

The Tony Awards telecast won Emmys all four years that Harris hosted and helped produce the program.

It's been a busy week for the multi-hyphenate star, who released his book, "Neil Patrick Harris: Choose Your Own Autobiography," on Tuesday. He also appears in the nation's top movie, "Gone Girl."

He wrapped his hit series "How I Met Your Mother" earlier this year and won a Tony Award for his starring role in "Hedwig and the Angry Inch."

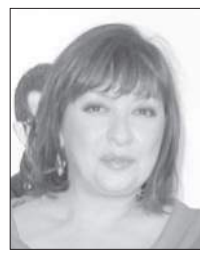
The 87th Academy Awards are set for Feb. 22, 2015, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.



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In this June 8, 2014 file photo, Neil Patrick Harris arrives at the 68th annual Tony Awards at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

## 'Modern Family' actress Elizabeth Pena dies at 55

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Elizabeth Pena, the versatile actress who shifted between dramatic roles in such films as "Lone Star" and comedic parts in TV shows like "Modern Family," has died. She was 55.



Pena

Pena's manager, Gina Rugolo, said Wednesday the Cuban-American actress died Tuesday in Los Angeles of natural causes after a brief illness. No other details were provided.

Born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, to Cuban immigrant parents, Pena's Hollywood career spanned four decades and included roles in such movies as "La Bamba," "Down and Out in Beverly Hills," "Jacob's Ladder" and "Rush Hour." In filmmaker John Sayles' "Lone Star," she memorably portrayed a history teacher who rekindles a romance with an old flame, played by Chris Cooper.

Pena appeared on such TV shows as "L.A. Law," "Dream

On," "Resurrection Blvd." and "Modern Family," where she played the mother of Sofia Vergara's character, Gloria.

She starred in the 1980s sitcom "I Married Dora"

in the titular role as a housekeeper from El Salvador who weds her employer to avoid deportation.

Pena also provided her voice to Disney-Pixar's "The Incredibles," the "Justice League" cartoon series and Seth MacFarlane's "American Dad."

Pena most recently appeared on the El Rey Network drama "Matador."

"She was a role model, a truly extraordinary performer and an inspiration in every sense of the word," the network said in a statement. "Our thoughts are with Elizabeth's family and friends during this difficult time. She will be deeply missed."

She is survived by her husband, two children, mother and sister.

## Judge finalizes divorce of Heidi Klum and Seal



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Model Heidi Klum and Grammy-winning singer Seal are officially divorced.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mark Juhas finalized the pair's divorce judgment on Tuesday. They were married for nearly seven years before seeking a split.

AP  
In this Feb. 13, 2011 file photo, Heidi Klum, left, and Seal arrive at the 53rd annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

Klum filed for divorce in April 2012, roughly two months after the pair announced their separation. They have three children together.

The divorce judgment does not give any details about how the pair will split custody or their assets.

Their relationship had a storybook quality to it, with Klum and Seal renewing their vows annually and hosting elaborate Halloween costume parties.

Klum is a model and host of the Lifetime show "Project Runway." Seal won three Grammy awards for his 1995 hit "Kiss From a Rose."

## Macklemore appears at Seattle drug court event

SEATTLE (AP)—The 20th anniversary celebration of the pioneering King County Drug Court was about half over when a famous participant strolled in and took a seat on the front bench.

The audience of drug court graduates and others buzzed at the arrival of Macklemore, but the 31-year-old rapper introduced himself Tuesday simply as "Ben." The Seattle Times reports ( <http://is.gd/58lqHZ> ) he told the crowd about the days when he was simply Ben Haggerty, a 15-year-old Seattle youth struggling with an alcohol and drug problem who ended up in King County's juvenile drug court.

He told the crowd that "Drug

court gives people a way to get sober, to heal."

The program provides eligible defendants with the opportunity to receive drug treatment rather than incarceration.

King County's was the nation's 12th drug court when it opened in 1994. Since then, officials say 2,050 defendants have graduated and had their charges dismissed. That's a completion rate of about 70 percent.

Officials say drug courts are now a widely accepted model. There are more than 2,800 of them around the country, and they save money by treating people who might otherwise be locked up.

## Living together may end long-distance engagement

**D**EAR ABBY: My fiancé, "Derrick," and I have been engaged for almost a year. The whole time we've been together he has been overseas. While he has many of the characteristics I look for in a man, he isn't as down-to-earth as I'd like him to be.

He's now back in the U.S. for good, and we are living together. Derrick's a great father to his children, a good provider, intelligent, handsome and we have a lot in common. I love his family. But for a few months now I have been rethinking my decision to marry him.

I feel like I can't be myself around him without him judging me or making facial expressions. I have tried telling him how I feel, but I always end up hurting his feelings or he ends up pointing the finger at me.

He's the best person I have ever met, but I'm not deeply in love with him. He doesn't bring out the best in me and I don't know what to do. How should I handle this situation without breaking our engagement?

MS. ENGAGED IN FLORIDA

**DEAR MS. ENGAGED:** You and Derrick might be able to communicate more effectively if you had premarital counseling. However, if it doesn't resolve your issues, do not marry him, regardless of how handsome he is or what a good provider you think he will be.

To have a successful marriage, you will have to be your-

self—and you and Derrick should bring out the best in each other. With help, you may be able to save the relationship. But if counseling doesn't work, do both of you a favor and become Ms. DIS-engaged.

**DEAR ABBY:** My parents split up in 1987. They have just started dating again. What is the likelihood of them remarrying? They are in their 70s.

My concern is, what if they break up? I guess I shouldn't worry and just appreciate the time I have with them as a new couple starting out again. Are these normal concerns?

SWEET, CARING DAUGHTER, SUNNYSIDE, WASH.

**DEAR CARING DAUGHTER:** Of course your concerns are normal. You love your folks and don't want either of them to be hurt if the romance goes off the tracks (again). Because you can't control what happens next, cross your fingers and hope for a happy outcome. Your parents seem to have a strong connection, and they're old enough to know what they're doing. Que sera, sera.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have an ongoing disagreement about food. When there is special food in the house, something we both like, he feels free to eat as much of it as he wants and not leave any for me.

His argument is that if it's around—even if it's frozen—I would

## DEAR ABBY

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have had "plenty of time to get my share." I don't think it should be up to him to tell me how much to eat and when.

It's particularly upsetting if I have invested hours in preparing a dish only to find that it's gone when I want my second helping. I feel he is being inconsiderate. Am I wrong?

WHERE'S MY BEEF?

**DEAR WHERE'S:** I don't think so. Your husband is behaving like a greedy child. If you're cooking in large quantities, try this: Prepare only enough for two portions for a while—a LONG while.

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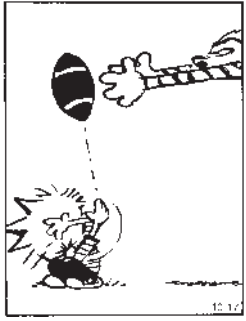
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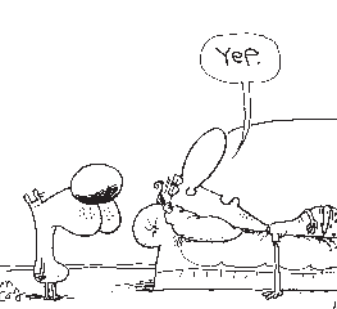
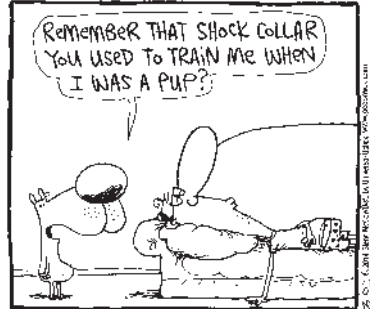
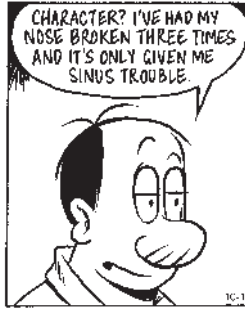


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## CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

1 Burst  
4 Put an end to  
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12 Listener  
13 Zilch  
14 Entreaty  
15 Rapa-cious one  
17 Blue hue  
18 Filly's mom  
19 Shampoo label verb  
20 Marble cake pattern  
22 Pull an all-nighter  
24 Semi-fortnight  
25 Laws  
29 Melody  
30 Layered rock  
31 Knock  
32 Gild the lily, maybe  
34 Bigfoot's cousin  
35 Sword handle  
36 Made on a loom

**DOWN**

37 Bottom  
40 Creche  
41 Eternally  
42 Dear  
46 Corduroy  
47 Agenda  
48 "Born in the —"  
49 Deuce  
50 Not at one's desk  
51 Driver's license datum  
1 Vim and vigor  
2 Scull tool  
3 Opening night  
4 Entangle  
5 Carry  
6 Lennon's lady  
7 Part of MPH  
8 Productive period  
9 Singer  
10 Meadows  
11 Harvard rival  
16 Unlit  
19 Fight the clock  
20 Trade  
21 "Dead Poets Society" director  
Peter  
22 Macrame, for one  
23 Hinge (on)  
25 Dr. McGraw  
26 Prior  
27 London gallery  
28 "Wheel of Fortune" option  
30 Wield a swizzle stick  
33 Number of days in June  
34 Boo-Boo's mentor  
36 Eccentric  
37 Sala-mander  
38 State with certainty  
39 Strike out  
40 Arizona city  
42 Sch. group  
43 Uncooked  
44 Work with  
45 Stan Getz's instrument

**Solution time: 26 mins.**

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Yesterday's answer 10-17

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Eminem, 42; Wyclef Jean, 45; Rob Marshall, 54; Alan Jackson, 56.

**Happy Birthday:** Let your charm and intellectual, entertaining ways guide you to success. You will be hard to resist, making it easy for you to get what you want. Improve your relationships and reputation with your kindness, generosity and willingness to share. Greater opportunities are within reach. Don't hesitate to say "yes" and pursue your dreams. Love is highlighted. Your numbers are 4, 9, 18, 21, 24, 33, 42.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Travel, intrigue and gaining worldly experience are highlighted. What you do and who you meet along the way will have an impact on your life. Challenges will reveal how much you know and how well you can adapt. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Too much of anything will not bode well for you. Stick to a pace you know you can handle and refuse to try and keep up with someone who has unrealistic goals. Your stability will be rewarded in the end. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't sit still when you can accomplish so much. Favors will be granted and opportunities will pop up where least expected. Put love on a pedestal and show someone you fancy a good time. Your generosity will bring high returns. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't take offense if someone says something inappropriate. You are best to focus on

doing your own thing and avoiding any sort of joint effort that is likely to lead to you doing all the work. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** The effort you put into your home, family or surroundings will bring huge benefits. Doing as much of the work as you can will result in compliments, not to mention savings. Romance should be planned for the evening hours to celebrate your accomplishments. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Look out for your interests and avoid getting sucked into helping others at a high cost. You have to be practical even if it makes someone angry. Giving in to demands will lower your self-esteem and lead to loss. ★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Help is on the way. Lend a helping hand and get the same in return. It's a give-and-take day with a change of heart that will lead to greater happiness, not to mention future opportunities. Love is on the rise. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You are best to go it alone. Don't expect anything from anyone and you won't be disappointed. Let your creative imagination wander and you will discover something that will spark an innovative and prosperous idea. Home is your safe haven. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Do your research and explore avenues that entice you. Form a strong alliance with someone who has as much to offer as you do. Romance will improve your relationship. A move or

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updating your surroundings will improve your situation. ★★★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Keep a low profile and a tight watch over your money and possessions. Be aware of what the people around you do or say. Delays while traveling can be expected and problems with friends and relatives anticipated. ★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Personal, financial or legal deals can be struck. Important relationships will reach new heights, allowing you to have greater maneuverability to do the things that make the most sense and mean the most to you. Romance is highlighted. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You are best to stay under the radar and out of the limelight. The less said, the easier it will be to accomplish your goals and stabilize your situation. Less is definitely more when it comes to taking a risk. ★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are enthusiastic, playful and affectionate. You are approachable and accommodating.

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

RADIAL TIRES

Solution: 8 letters

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# Royals hold off Orioles 2-1, finish ALCS sweep

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—**James Shields led thousands of fans in a celebratory chant. Lorenzo Cain pranced along the warning track, cradling his newborn son. Ned Yost finally allowed himself to smile.

After nearly three decades spent as one of the game's biggest laughingstocks, the Kansas City Royals are once again baseball royalty. They are headed to their first World Series since 1985, finishing a four-game sweep in the AL Championship Series with a 2-1 victory Wednesday over the Baltimore Orioles.

In a perfect postseason, the Royals are intent to relish every moment.

"It's hard to explain," said Cain, whose clutch hits and

dramatic catches earned him the series MVP award. "We're clicking at the right moment right now."

There's no doubt about that.

Now, the Royals will carry an 11-game playoff win streak into the World Series, one shy of the major league record. That includes their first eight this season, something that had never been done in postseason history. Kansas City beat Oakland in a 12-inning wild-card thriller to start things off, then swept the Los Angeles Angels in the Divisional Series.

Kansas City will open its first World Series since 1985 on Tuesday against the winner of the NLCS between the Giants and Cardinals. San Francisco leads that series 2-1.

Coincidentally, it was the Cardinals who the Royals beat for their only World Series title.

"It's been an amazing run," Royals outfielder Alex Gordon said. "It's nothing better than when you win. Today, same old story: good pitching, good defense and scratch out a win."

Same old story for the Orioles, too: Solid pitching, good defense - and just not enough offense. They managed seven hits over the last two games against Kansas City, resulting in the first sweep for the franchise in 21 postseason series.

"You saw how close the games were," Orioles manager Buck Showalter said. "It's more a testament to what they did. They were playing great defensively."

After holding the Orioles to three hits in Game 3, Jason Vargas and the Royals bullpen held them to four hits Wednesday night. Kelvin Herrera and Wade Davis got the game to

Greg Holland, who matched Dennis Eckersley's record with his fourth save of the best-of-seven series.

Holland got J.J. Hardy to ground out to third base for the final out, and the Royals spilled onto the infield in a wild celebration. Fireworks shot over the crown-shaped scoreboard in center field, and a blue-clad sellout crowd that included Royals greats George Brett and Brett Saberhagen let out a roar while cars on nearby Interstate 70 honked their horns.

"That's what you dream of as a kid," Holland said. "Punch your ticket to the World Series, especially before your home crowd. These fans have been waiting a long time. They deserve it."

The Orioles, meanwhile, will limp into the offseason after a 96-win season in which they

overcame injuries and suspensions to several key players along the way.

"I think it's not what we didn't do. It's more what they did," said the Orioles' Ryan Flaherty, whose home run represented their lone run. "We played good baseball."

Making his first start in nearly two weeks, Vargas shut down the vaunted Orioles lineup in Game 4. The only damage he allowed came in the third inning, when Flaherty went deep.

By that point, the Royals had already manufactured a pair of runs.

## S I D E B A R

### Cain is able, wins ALCS MVP

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—**Lorenzo Cain capped the AL Championship Series with his best catch yet: an MVP trophy.

The smooth center fielder snagged MVP honors after helping the Kansas City Royals to a four-game sweep of the Baltimore Orioles with a 2-1 victory Wednesday.

Along with making a series of splendid defensive plays, Cain batted .533 in the series and scored five runs. He had eight hits, matching the franchise record for an ALCS set by Willie Wilson—who also wore No. 6 and roamed center field - in 1985 against Toronto.

"Unbelievable feeling," Cain said. "I've enjoyed every moment of it."

Indeed, what a month it's been for Cain, who went home to Oklahoma between playoff series to be with his wife, Jenny, for the birth of their first child, Cameron Loe.

Cain rejoined the team in plenty of time to torment the Orioles all week, and held his newborn son, dressed warmly in a baseball-styled stocking cap, on the Kauffman Stadium warning track during the victory celebration that followed Game 4.

"I told him, a player that's had setbacks with injuries and frustrations, the way he's dedicated himself in the offseason and persevered, I'm proud of him," Royals general manager Dayton Moore said. "He keeps giving great effort."

Cain matched a Royals record with four hits in Game 2 on Saturday, and scored their first run in Game 3 on Tuesday night. He also laid down a key sacrifice bunt - the first of his career - that helped Kansas City take a 2-0 lead in the first

inning Wednesday.

He had two doubles, two walks and the team's only stolen base in the series. After hitting only five homers during the regular season, he slugged .667 with a .588 on-base percentage.

"I'm just trying to do whatever it takes. Get on base - whatever it takes to find a way to help this team win ballgames," Cain said. "I'm just going to try to continue to do that throughout the World Series, as well."

The 28-year-old Cain did not play organized baseball until sophomore year in high school. Cut from the basketball team, the talented athlete showed up without any equipment and didn't even know the rules or how to hold a bat.

He was drafted in the 17th round by Milwaukee in 2004 out of Tallahassee Community College and traded to the Royals in December 2010 along with shortstop Alcides Escobar and two pitching prospects for ace Zack Greinke and infielder Yuniesky Betancourt.

"Definitely started playing a lot later than a lot of guys on our team - or anybody," Cain said. "But I was determined to be a great ballplayer. And a lot of hard work, a lot of great coaches and family also to push me to be the player that I'm becoming. It's been a lot of fun."

Now, he's a huge reason the Royals are 8-0 this postseason. They're headed back to the World Series for the first time since rallying to beat the St. Louis Cardinals in 1985, the last time Kansas City even reached the playoffs.

"We're just clicking at the right moment now," Cain said.



Kansas City Royals relief pitcher Greg Holland and catcher Salvador Perez celebrate after defeating against the Baltimore Orioles 2-1 in Game 4 of the American League baseball championship series Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo. The Royals advance to the World Series.

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—**Buster Posey and the Giants already know how to win in October - even without all this help from the St. Louis Cardinals.

Strange as it might look sometimes, San Francisco finds a way to score just enough.

Posey drove in three runs and capped another unusual rally as the Giants took advantage of some clunky defense by first baseman Matt Adams in beating the Cardinals 6-4 on Wednesday night to move within one victory of the World Series.

"We might find some weird ways to score runs, but we're

## Giants beat Cardinals 6-4, move 1 win from Series

getting people on base first. That's the main thing," Brandon Belt said.

Chasing their third title in five years, the Giants lead the best-of-seven NL Championship Series 3-1 after poor throws cost the Cardinals yet again.

October ace Madison Bumgarner can pitch San Francisco to another pennant Thursday at home in Game 5. Struggling All-Star Adam Wainwright starts for St. Louis, now facing the same daunting deficit the Giants over-

came to beat the Cardinals in the 2012 NLCS.

Kansas City awaits the winner after completing its ALCS sweep of Baltimore earlier in the day. The wild-card Royals will host Game 1 of the World Series on Tuesday night.

San Francisco climbed out of an early three-run hole, and back-to-back bad throws by Adams in the sixth inning helped the Giants rally - one night after a wild toss by St. Louis reliever Randy Choate allowed the winning run to score in the 10th inning.

"I think any time you can put pressure on the defense, you've got the opportunity for good things to happen," Posey said. "We're able to come up with some big two-out RBIs to get back in the game."

Minus injured catcher Yadier Molina again, the Cardinals were clinging to a 4-3 lead when San Francisco put runners at second and third in the sixth. Playing in with one out, the lumbering Adams backhanded Gregor Blanco's bouncer and stumbled as he tried to set himself to throw

home.

Adams had trouble with the transfer, and his toss short-hopped catcher Tony Cruz as Juan Perez slid across with the tying run.

Joe Panik then hit a ground-er right to Adams, who stepped on first base before firing wildly to second in trying for a double play. Brandon Crawford stopped between third and home, yet was able to score easily when Adams threw wide of the bag.

"That's kind of fitting of how our postseason's been,"

Panik said. "It might not be the prettiest way of scoring runs."

Cardinals shortstop Jhonny Peralta came way off the base to catch the ball, but had no play at the plate.

"The play at home, there's a fast runner at third and I was going in on the ball and threw on the run," Adams said. "Just should've made the throw, though. The second one, I should've just touched first and checked home."

Posey added an RBI single off Seth Maness to make it 6-4. The star catcher also had a sacrifice fly in the first and a run-scoring single in the third.



# Redskins' RG3 practices, will reclaim starting job



ASHBURN, Va. (AP)—Robert Griffin III returned to practice Wednesday for the Washington Redskins, and coach Jay Gruden confirmed that the third-year quarterback will regain the starter's job this season.

Griffin threw passes in individual and one-on-one drills in his first such work since he dislocated his left ankle in Week 2.

"Once they say he's healthy and he practices with us, and we feel like he's ready to go mentally and we have a good game plan for him, then he'll be the starter," Gruden said. "But I don't know when that will be yet. It's hard for me to project. It could be one week, two weeks. It could be five weeks."

Griffin wore cleats with high ankle support and looked a bit rusty. His first pass hit fullback Darrel Young on the back of the shin, but he also had some good throws during the one-on-ones when defensive backs were covering receivers.

Griffin took the first snap in each of the drills early in the practice, ahead of current starter Kirk Cousins.

"He looked fine. He got a little bounce in his step," Gruden said. "Everything else is going to be up to the trainers and the doctor. There's nothing I can do as far as rushing him back."

The Redskins did not allow



In this Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014 file photo, Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III (10) looks to pass during the first half of an NFL football game against the Jacksonville Jaguars in Landover, Md.

Griffin to be interviewed about his participation in practice.

Griffin isn't expected to play until Nov. 2 against Minnesota at the earliest. A more likely scenario has him back

Nov. 16 against Tampa Bay following the bye.

"Obviously we'd like to have him back, but he still does need some work as far as getting back under center, getting the

reps, getting the footwork back down, just the whole process of being a quarterback again," Gruden said. "It's not just about going out there and running half-gassers and throwing to

wide receivers and routes vs. air. It's about handling the protections, the running game, the audibles, all that good stuff."

Griffin was hurt early in a 41-10 win over the Jackson-

ville Jaguars on Sept. 14. The Redskins (1-5) have since lost four straight with Cousins, and Gruden suggested for the first time that he might turn to third-stringer Colt McCoy if Cousins continues to struggle.

"Obviously if things continue in this downward spiral, then there's always a chance to see Colt," Gruden said. "But I think Kirk will play himself out of it."

Meanwhile, Buffalo Bills receiver Mike Williams is still not at all happy about being benched last weekend. That doesn't mean he wants out of Buffalo.

Williams took matters into his own hands by saying, "I'm the boss and I want to be here," in ordering his agent Hadley Engelhard to stop seeking trade offers. At the same time, Williams defended Engelhard for opening discussions by saying the agent was merely doing his job.

The comments were Williams' first since general manager Doug Whaley revealed on Monday the Bills granted Engelhard permission to seek a trade. It happened a day after the fifth-year player was inactive for the first time this season in a 37-22 loss to New England.

It's unclear whether Williams will play Sunday, when Buffalo (3-3) hosts Minnesota (2-4).



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# Rota Blue Triathlon scheduled for Nov. 15

The Marianas Visitors Authority and Rota municipality will host the 21st Annual Rota Blue Triathlon on Nov. 15.

Regional and international triathletes are expected to return for the annual Ironman event, featuring the pristine, tropical environment, and warm island hospitality of the island of Rota.

The triathlon features two distances: an A-type half-marathon distance, which includes a 1.5K swim, followed by a 40K rigorous biking course and a 10K run (no time limit) and the B-type Olympic distance, which includes a 2.0K swim, followed by a 90K biking course, and topped off with a 21K run (8-hour time limit). For team competitors, there will also be triathlon of the A-type distance, again with no time limit.

The event is also sponsored by Kiyokazu Fitness Club of Japan and the Rota Mayor's Office. Japanese competitors swept all winning spots in the triathlon last year where 111 triathletes competed.

"There's something special about Rota, the natural beauty of the island, its relaxed atmosphere, and the welcoming nature of the residents. All these put together make the Rota Blue Triathlon a race that many competitors return to, year after year," said MVA community projects manager Martin Duenas. "We look forward to welcoming back all repeat competitors and new competitors on Nov. 15 for a race to remember."

Pre-registration will be held on Nov. 14, from 11am to



A participant in 20th Rota Blue Triathlon smiles as he crosses the finish line.

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12:30pm at the Bay Breeze Restaurant & Bar. The swim course inspection will be held the same day from 1-2pm at the East Harbor. Final registration will take place that evening from 4:30-8pm at Rota Resort & Country Club's Sunset BBQ Tiki Tiki. The pre-race briefing for all participants will be held that evening at 6:30pm.

Starting time for both distances is 6:30am at Rota's East

Harbor. Wetsuits are permitted, while bike helmets are required. Registration fees are \$80 for A-type course solo competitors and \$70 for each member in the team event. The fee for the B-type course is \$100. The entry fee includes an event t-shirt, high-quality swim cap, and an invitation to the awards banquet at East Harbor.

The annual Rota Blue Triathlon is one of four major triathlon

events held in the Northern Mariana Islands. The three others are XTERRA Saipan Championship, Tagaman Triathlon, and the Tinian Turquoise Blue events.

For more information about the annual Triathlon, please contact MVA community projects specialist Ed Diaz at 1-670-664.3210 or ediaz@mymarianas.com, or Sandra Atalig at the MVA Rota Office at 1-670-532-0327. (MVA)

## 'Bike For Life' set for Oct. 25

The annual "Bike For Life" is set for Oct. 25 at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

Bikers can use either their MTB or road bikes in the 50-kilometer race. Registration forms are available at the PIC Front Desk. Check out the PIC Facebook page for more details about the race course.

For just \$10 entrance fee, bikers will also be treated to a Continental breakfast that morning. Registration starts at 5:30am and the race begins at 6am at the PIC Saipan's south parking lot. The Top 3 finishers in the male and female divisions will win prizes and medals. In addition, the top finisher will receive an entrance to the upcoming "Hell of the Marianas" bike race scheduled for December. For more information, call Dennis Tababa at 237-5147 or email dennis.tababa@picsaipan.com. (PIC)

## Nash injures back carrying bags



**EL SEGUNDO, Calif.** (AP)—Los Angeles Lakers guard Steve Nash has missed his third straight practice after injuring his back while carrying bags.

Coach Byron Scott said Nash had "a little bit of a setback" earlier Wednesday

while carrying bags.

Scott says Nash "heard a twinge" in his back, and the coach suspected it was a back spasm. The Lakers don't know how long the two-time NBA MVP will be out of action.

The 40-year-old Nash was able to play in just 15 games last season while struggling with nerve root irritation.

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level," said Davis.

He added that the CBF could not just have a competition to select the members of Team CNMI so he is looking at suggesting some athletes who have been training for years and are veterans of several bodybuild-

ing tournaments.

Davis also said the federation wants to have judges certified by the International Federation of Bodybuilders, the sport's world governing body that offers courses to accredit individuals.

"Our vision is to also have that entire process of having [IFBB] certified and accredited judges here in the CNMI.

If basketball and baseball had their referees and umpires take specific courses in order for them to get certified, then that's what I also want to do in the bodybuilding federation, get some individuals to become accredited judges," Davis said.

Davis said they failed to do this in the past that's why they are looking at organizing clin-

ics that would certify interested individuals to become judges.

"Get some people accredited, certified, and recognized by various world organizations, that would mean that we could step up to the plate in the world stage. For example, we go to the Pacific Games, the CNMI won't be

represented because we don't have anybody who is certified to be a judge. I want to change that," the CBF head added.

Davis said that interested bodybuilders and individuals who want more information about CBF and its plans can email him at johnhdavisjr@

gmail.com or call him at 7899211.

Davis decided to re-organize CBF after reading Northern Marianas Sports Association's appeal on the newspaper to revive the sport along with wrestling, table tennis, weightlifting, and indoor volleyball.

## FEDS

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Apelo 3-pointer, after four tries, gave the Feds its first double-digit lead, 28-8, 5:07 to go in the second canto. The Feds were never threatened after that.

Apelo paced the Feds with 23 points, while Ronnel Gamboa and J. Sablan added 15 and 13 markers, respectively.

Cariaso was the lone CHC player in double digits with 13, while Jack Palacios scattered 8 points.

Earlier, CUC showed end-game poise in outlasting Customs, 70-73.

Holding on to a slim 68-67 advantage, Iramk Simada buried a 3-pointer to give CUC some cushion with 2:27 left in the fourth period. Don Teregeyo's split free throw and a Don Brennan twinner had Cus-

toms threatening at 70-71 with less than one minute left in the game clock.

Customs had a number of chances to regain the lead but its shots failed to hit the mark. Tony Diaz then scored the insurance basket for CUC for a 73-70 breathing room that turned out to be the final tally, as Customs again could not score on its offensive set.

Diaz finished with a game-high 27 points, while Robert Lieto, Juan Camacho, and Oscar Sablan combined for 29 markers for CUC, which improved to 1-1.

Brennan led Customs' losing cause with his 14, while Jack Cepeda and Teregeyo contributed 13 and 11, respectively.

Meanwhile, the Feds will shoot for its fourth straight win when it faces DCCA in Monday's 6:30pm first game, while Customs takes

on Judiciary at 8pm.

### First Game

**CUC 73**—Diaz 27, Lieto 11, Camacho 9, Sablan 9, Santos 6, Simada 4, Masga 3, Benavente 2, Madrecheluib 2.

**Customs 70**—Brennan 14, Cepeda 13, Teregeyo 11, L. Reyes 9, Fitial 8, Lizama 5, Saralu 4, Dela Cruz 2, Pangelinan 2, M. Sablan 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 26-14, 38-28, 52-56, 73-70.

### Second Game

**Feds 88**—Apelo 23, Gamboa 15, J. Sablan 13, Tyquenco 8, Camacho 7, Esteves 7, Park 4, Deleon Guerrero 3, McCain 3, Arroyo 2, Paras 2.

**CHC 44**—Paras 13, Palacios 8, Bahillo 6, Culala 4, Flores 4, Nunag 4, Fernandez 3, Tudela 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 19-6, 34-18, 60-29, 88-44.

## CNMI

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quet to give you the recognition and appreciation you so well deserved," foundation manager Maggie Sablan said.

Tan, during his opening remarks at the banquet held at the Nami Bar of Kanoa Resort, said the recognition was long overdue and he apologized for taking time before lauding the team as he wanted the players to settle down first after winning the tournament in the Philippines, heading to Maine for the World Series, and going to their respective classes upon their return to Saipan.

The CNMI Senior League All-Stars, who were composed of Kenji Yamagata, Virolanson Secharmidal, Melvin Sakisat Jr. Jobe Reyes, Jhace Palacios, Franko Nakamura, Michael Muna, Joseph Lifofoi Jr. Dari-

on Jones, A.J. Evangelista, Jeffrey Dela Cruz, Kelvin Deleon Guerrero, Nathan Camacho, Jerald Cabrera, Jessie Brel, and Craig Aguon, competed in the Philippines for about a week in July and won the regional competition after nipping Guam in the finals, 8-6. Then in the first week of August, they left the island anew to go to Bangor for the World Series where the CNMI competed (Senior League) for the first time since 2010. The team, which was managed by Patrick Tenorio and coached by Anthony Leon Guerrero and Jack Deleon Guerrero, returned to Saipan after more than a week and some players had to catch up in school, while others prepared for the start of their classes.

"We are very thankful to the foundation and Mr. Jerry Tan for recognizing our players and officials' efforts. It's always an honor to represent the CNMI in an off-island competition and

the players needed every support they could get from our community," Tenorio said.

The team manager added the players were surprised with the dinner banquet and the gifts they received from the foundation. Players, officials, and three other volunteers received shirts, bags, lunch certificates and \$50 (each) worth of gift certificates that they can use at Athletes' Foot.

In related news, Tenorio said only three players from the champion team will continue to play in the Senior League next season, while majority of his crew will move up to the Big League.

"Hopefully they will play great baseball again and get chosen to their respective all-stars squads and eventually win the ASPAC and make it to the World Series again. Players and coaches need to get back to work again," Tenorio said.



# Runnin' Rebels, DYS prevail in youth league



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The Runnin' Rebels and Division of Youth Services bagged contrasting wins in the 2014 BANMI Youth League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the U21 division, the Runnin' Rebels debuted with a 51-44 victory over Laly 4 last Wednesday night, while in the U18 pairing, DYS dominated the CNMI Girls Nationals, 73-58.

DYS notched its fourth triumph in five games to remain in second place in the team standings behind unbeaten Tinian (3-0), while the Nationals are still winless after four matches.

A 24-12 scoring in the second quarter allowed DYS to cruise to victory, as it turned a 17-11 lead to a 41-23 advantage at the end of the first half. Patrick Salalila anchored DYS' breakaway in the second period as he nailed 12 in the



pivotal frame.

The CNMI Girls Nationals began falling apart in the second canto, as it was held to six field goals with only Irish Pagarao making more than two baskets for their depleted team. Only six players suited up for the Nationals, as they clearly lack the manpower to match up with DYS' 14-man crew.

Salalila top-scored for DYS with his 20 points, while Adrian De Luna and Aaron Pamintuan chipped in 11 apiece. Pagarao led the Nationals with her 15

markers, while Rachel Abrams added 14.

In last Wednesday's match, the Runnin' Rebels used a balanced offense to hand Laly 4 its fourth loss in as many games.

Only Dizon Magofna scored in twin digits for the Runnin' Rebels with his 10 points, but his six other teammates contributed at least two baskets apiece to give the squad a winning debut.

In contrast, Laly 4 had two players breaking in double figures with Sylvester Kapileo and Derek Olopai firing 15 and 12 points, respectively, however only three other players hit the board for the squad.

The Runnin' Rebels led at the end of each quarter and gained more cushion in the second half with seven different players

contributing to the team's cause.

## WEDNESDAY

**Runnin' Rebels 51** — Magofna 10, Castillo 8, Laniyo 8, Moses 7, Ermitanio 7, Peter 5, Kabiriel 4, Abobo 2.

**Laly 4 44** — S. Kapileo 15, Olopai 12, T. Cangco 6, Sato 6, Tawanpiy 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 16-12, 23-22, 35-29, 51-44.

## TUESDAY

**DYS 73** — Salalila 20, De Luna 11, Pamintuan 11, Montes 9, Flores 8, Ong 6, Ellama 4, Sagun 2.

**CNMI Girls Nationals 58** — Pagarao 15, Abrams 14, Castillo 9, Alegre 8, Ito 8, M. Kautz 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 17-11, 41-23, 53-35, 73-58.

# Shirley's, Joeten keep winning run

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Shirley's Coffee Shop and Joeten stretched their winning streak in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League after topping separate foes last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Shirley's outgunned Saipan Ice & Water in the first game, 109-99, to gain its fourth win in as many matches, while Joeten earned its third consecutive victory following an 85-67 rout of McDonald's in the second tiff.

Joeten, which dropped its first games before bagging three straight victories, handed McDonald's its first loss in four matches. McDonald's boosted its chances for a fourth win in a row after leading in the first period, 22-16, but failed to sustain a good start, while Joeten piled up points in the second and third quarters to grab the upper hand en route to the 18-point win.

Joeten scored 28 points in the second canto, more than doubling up McDonald's, which tallied only 11 markers. Quarterback Kevin De Leon led Joeten's second quarter attack, firing 14 markers, while Syl Teregeyo had a string of 6 points to lift their team to a 44-33 halftime lead.

Alex Lauron picked up where De Leon left off in the third to help Joeten protect its double-digit spread and snap McDonald's three-game winning run.

De Leon finished with a game-high 27 points, while Lauron added 16, and Teregeyo and Juanito Sambile contributed 15 and 11, respectively. Mike Achas matched De Leon's 27 points, while McLain Achas tallied 14, and Richard Cruz had a quiet 12 points. Cruz was the hero of McDonald's 66-61 win over Commonwealth Utilities Corp., hitting six triples to fin-

ish with 21 points. Against Joeten had only on triple each in the first and second quarters and added two in the third before going scoreless in the fourth.

In the first game, Shirley's prevailed in a shootout against Saipan Ice.

Shirley's knocked in nine triples against the six of Saipan Ice with the former drilling four of them in the fourth canto to thwart the latter.

John Jugos buried three straight triples in the home-stretch, while Lerio Pagaro hit one early in the fourth, as Shirley's survived the 41-point explosion of Saipan Ice's Jerome Norita. Jugos and Pagarao combined for 41 markers, too, while Erick Dela Rosa led Shirley's with his 27 markers.

Shirley's was ahead by only six after the third period, 75-69, when Dela Rosa, Pagarao, and

Jugos' baskets kept the team's safe distance and offset Norita's conversion for Saipan Ice.

## First Game

**Shirley's 109** — Dela Rosa 27, Jugos 24, Pagarao 17, Duenas 15, Rabasto 10, Usi 8, Aguila 4, Pamintuan 1.

**Saipan Ice & Water 99** — Norita 41, Santy 18, Kaipat 17, Olopai 15, Pangelinan 4, Cayading 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 22-17, 51-47, 75-69, 109-99.

## Second Game

**Joeten 85** — De Leon 27, Lauron 16, Teregeyo 15, Sambile 11, Aguon 8, Tobias 5, Sablan 2.

**McDonald's 67** — Mi. Achas 27, Mc. Achas 14, Cruz 12, Gapor 6, Ayuyu 2, Deleon Guerrero 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 16-22, 44-33, 63-51, 85-67.



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Kevin De Leon, seen here driving past Public School System defenders, scored 27 points in their 85-67 win over McDonald's in the JP World caging last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

# Omechelang couple tops October roll-off

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The husband and wife tandem of Percy and Gloria Omechelang ruled the two-day October roll-off of the Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes Tournament held last weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.

The Omechelang couple topped a monthly tournament for the first time this year with Percy claiming his third crown and first since winning back-to-back in June and July. They went home with a combined prize pot of \$165, \$90 for the King of the Lanes, while \$75 for the Queen.

Percy had a four-game total of 779 pinfalls in last Saturday's competition. He opened with a

208 but had a measly 136 in the second game before posting a 227 in the third and ending with a 208 for a 194.75 average.

Percy also joined last Saturday's contest, but had an off night in the second day with his 607, as he failed to score in the 200s with his 147, 147, 185 and 128 for an average of 151.75 pinfalls. However, no other bowler managed to catch up with his first day tally with Ariel Dumapit falling short by 11 pins with 768—172, 191, 225, 180—for a 192 average. Dumapit settled for the \$40 runner-up prize, while his brother, Raul, came in third at 751 (204, 226, 182, 139).

Meanwhile, Gloria just blew past her Queen of the Lanes opponents with a four-game total of 762. She registered an 81-pinfall victory over three-time monthly winner Diana Camacho, who tallied 681.

Gloria, after rolling 582 in the first day, had a slow start in the final day of the tournament with a 145 and slightly improved her score with a 183 in the second game. She burned the SBC lanes with a 242 in Game 3 to move into title contention and then sealed the deal with a 192 in the final game for a 190.5 average.

Camacho, meanwhile, failed to match Gloria's brilliant game, finishing with a 605 on Sunday, but the former's 681 in the first day were enough to give her the \$35 second place prize money. Janice Camacho finished third with a 629—166, 139, 168, 156—for the 157.25 average and the \$15 purse.



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The Omechelang couple, Percy and Gloria, pose for a photo during the awards ceremony for the Budweiser October roll-offs last weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.





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## 4-member team in bodybuilding eyed



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**C**ommonwealth Bodybuilding Federation president John Davis plans to send a four-member bodybuilding team in next year's Pacific Games and help people in the Commonwealth become internationally-certified judges.

"I would like to take 10 but the thing is, with the Pacific Games less than nine months away, it will be hard for us. It will take us a lot of money to raise, that's why I'm looking at sending at least four," said Davis.

The 2015 Pacific Games will be held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea from July 4 to 18 and bodybuilding is one of the 26 sports to be played in the quadrennial sporting event.

"I have to do more research on ticket prices so we would know how much money we need to raise. We need to raise funds. The faster we get things

started, the better," Davis said.

Davis said that the CBF will set a meeting after treasurer Aaron Tomokane returns from competing in Guam later this month.

"NMSA wants us to have a competition to select a team that would go to the Pacific Games. But the problem is bodybuilding is not like any other sport where you train for three months and you're good to go. It takes years to reach a certain level for you to be in competition shape. I know a couple of guys who are in that

From left, Aaron Tomokane, Ella Decena, Janeth Salboro, and Gerald Galang have been training under Commonwealth Bodybuilding Federation president John Davis to prepare for future tournaments.

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## Feds rolls past CHC; CUC nips Customs

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The Feds and CUC did not need their respective opponents in contrasting fashions as action in the 2014 IT&E-DYS Inter-Government Basketball League resumed Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada

Gymnasium.

Monday's matches were called off because of the Cultural Day holiday. The Judiciary-CHC and DCCA-DPS games will be rescheduled at a later date.

At the resumption of the league, the Feds did not put much effort in coasting to an 88-44 victory over CHC to nail its third win in as many games, while CUC escaped with a 73-

70 decision against Customs to barge in the win column.

The Feds used its size advantage to the hilt, opening up with a 10-0 run as CHC could not find its mark. Rocel Cariaso made CHC's first basket of the game with a corner jumper in the 5:58 mark of the opening period.

From there, the Feds scored in bunches, while CHC's points come in trickles bridging the

first and second quarters. A Leo

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## CNMI Senior League All-Stars recognized

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Tan Siu Lin Foundation hosted a dinner banquet for the CNMI Senior League All-Stars recently in recogni-

tion of the team's title conquest in the Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament in the Philippines this year.

"We are very proud of you (athletes, coaches, and managers) for bringing home the championship from the Asia-

Pacific region. This is the result of all your hard work, your energy, and time invested in training to be the best. Tan Siu Lin Foundation, our president and chief executive officer Jerry Tan hosted this ban-

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The Fed' Leo Apelo, right, challenges the defense of CHC's Roberto Marilla, partly hidden, and Adrian Flores in their game in the 2014 IT&E-DYS Inter-Government Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



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Players and officials of the CNMI Senior League All-Stars, Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan, front row second left, and TSL Foundation manager Maggie Sablan, second row left, pose for a group photo during the awards banquet held in honor of the Asia Pacific champions last month at the Nami Bar of Kanoa Resort.